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Figure 2. Red Fox at the TMA, January 12, 2022

Executive Summary

The 2022 Annual Compliance Report covers the reporting period from January 1st to December 31st, 2022 for the New Gold Inc. (New Gold) Rainy River Mine.

The site is located within Chapple Township, approximately 65 kilometers northwest of Fort Frances in Northwestern Ontario. In October 2017, the Rainy River Project transitioned from its construction phase to an operational phase, known as Rainy River Mine.

To date, Rainy River Mine is an operational open pit mine producing approximately 250,000 ounces of gold annually. New Gold intends to pursue the opportunity to process higher grade ounces in the early years of production, while stockpiling lower grades for processing towards the end of the mine life with the intent of increasing cash flow and enhancing project economics.

The 2022 Rainy River Mine Environmental Assessment Compliance Report demonstrates New Gold's commitment to environmental performance and compliance with the Federal Environmental Assessment Decision Statement and in addition to satisfying reporting requirements for the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada and the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks.

This document has been created to meet the requirements of;

Provincial Environmental Assessment, Notice of Approval Condition 5 EA 05-09-02/EAIMS 13102; and the Federal Environmental Assessment Decision Statement Condition 2.3.

Key areas discussed in this report are; Aboriginal and community consultation, project development, reclamation activities, protection of fish and wildlife, migratory birds, health of Aboriginal peoples, site archaeology, heritage and cultural resources. This document also contains a summary of monitoring and research activities associated with water and air quality, wildlife, and aquatic monitoring.

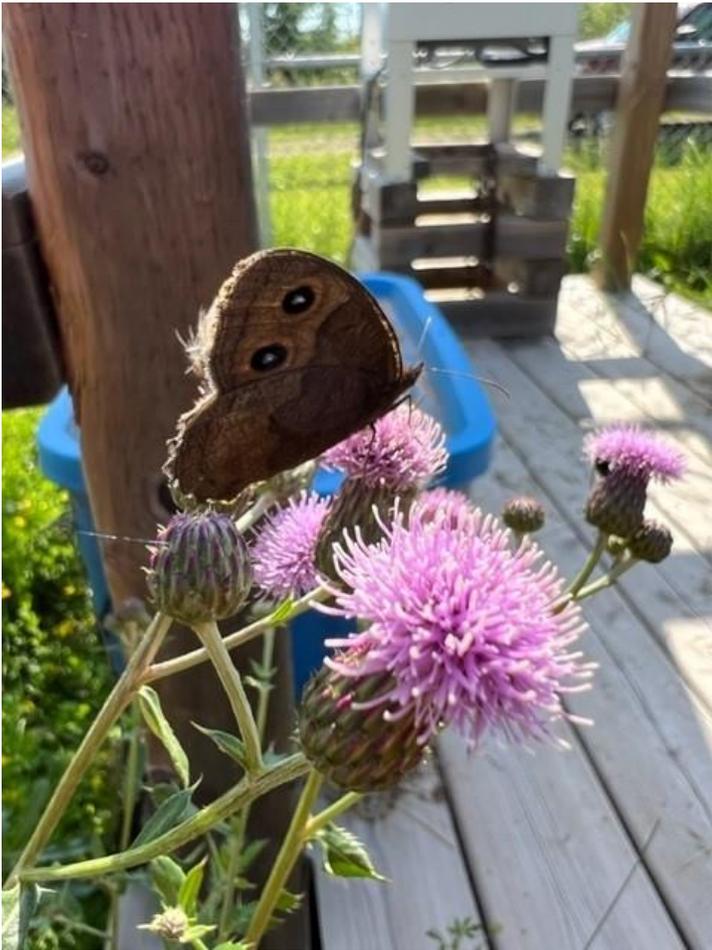


Figure 3. Butterfly on a field thistle plant at NW air monitoring station. Summer 2022

Acronyms

BMA	Bear Management Area
BMP	Best Management Practices
CEAA	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency
CMP	Compliance Monitoring Plan
DFO	Department of Fisheries and Oceans
EA	Environmental Assessment
ECCC	Environment and Climate Change Canada
ECA	Environmental Compliance Approval
EMRS	East Mine Rock Stockpile
ERT	Emergency Response Team
EWPW	Eastern Whip-Poor-Will
FMP	Follow-up Monitoring Plan
IAAC	Impact Assessment Agency of Canada
LRIA	Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act
MDMER	Metal and Diamond Mining Effluent Regulation
ENDM	Energy of Northern Development and Mines
MNRF	Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
MECP	Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks
MRP	Mine Rock Pond
MOECC	Ministry of Environment and Climate Change
MSDS	Material Safety Data Sheets
NG	New Gold
PTTW	Permit to Take Water
PWQO	Provincial Water Quality Objectives
RRM	Rainy River Mine
SAR	Species at Risk
TK/TLU	Traditional Knowledge/Traditional Land Use
TMA	Tailings Management Area
WMP	Water Management Pond
WMRS	West Mine Rock Stockpile

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SECTION 2

NEW GOLD RAINY RIVER UPDATE



Figure 4. Rainy River Mine Aerial view, looking South. October 2022

Department Updates

Rainy River Mine Update

The Rainy River Mine (RRM) site is located in the Township of Chapple, approximately 65 kilometers, Northwest of Fort Frances in Northwestern Ontario. Owned and operated by New Gold Inc (New Gold).

Physical works related to the RRM consists primarily of:

- Open pit (current)
- Underground (Intrepid producing)
- Overburden, mine rock and low-grade ore stockpiles,
- Primary crusher and process plant (completed 2017),
- Tailings management area and related water management infrastructure,
- 230 kilovolt transmission line (completed 2016),
- Relocation of a portion of gravel-surfaced Highway 600 (completed 2016), and
- Associated infrastructure, buildings and facilities, supported by related pipeline and power infrastructure as required.

Construction of the RRM began in February 2015 after the Environmental Assessment (EA) process was completed, the Closure Plan was filed and the environmental approvals necessary for the work proposed were obtained.

The subsections that follow provide an overview of the activities conducted onsite during 2022.

Health and Safety

Health and Safety is a primary focus of the Rainy River Mine. Table 1 outlines the project statistics from 2016 to 2022.

Table 1. Rainy River Mine Safety Statistics

Description	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Lost Time Incidents	0	1	2	3	5	0	1
Hours Worked on Project	2,899,056	3,726,628	2,586,258	2,854,063	2,450,422	2,357,896	2,342,731
Completed Site Health, Safety & Environmental Orientations	3,200	4,328	2,719	3,665	3,689	2,183	1297

2022 Highlights and activities within the Health and Safety Department include;

Safety

- Rainy River Mine achieved Triple Zero injury for the months of March, April, June, August, September, November and December
- Increase security protocols and introduced random searches and K-9 searches to deter theft and illegal substances on site.
- Introduced PASS safety system to the site

Emergency Services

- Continued Mine Rescue and ERT member recruitment.
- Hired Emergency Services Coordinator
- Underground stench exercise and Mine Rescue response tested in 2022

Mine Operations

For 2022, nearly all the overburden stripping had been completed. (It was completed in March 2023). Our focus was the completion of the North Lobe, which was projected for the middle of March 2023 and the advancement of Phase 4. The Phase 3 area is on-going but not as much of a priority because the majority of the waste rock has been mined out and we are sitting on good Ore deposits for the next few benches. The gearing up of dumping of Inpit, building buttresses and filling in the North Lobe is taking the strain off our EMRS dump.



Figure 5. View of Phase 3 of the pit, looking E, September 28, 2022

The completion of our new emergency line is a direct line that goes from the pit to the TMA which ensures us that we have direct flow to the TMA and not needing the south pond.

In 2022 the Intrepid underground advanced the decline to the 275m Level and developed Ore sills on 125m, 150m, 175m, 200m and 225m Levels. Total linear and decline advance was 2,850 meters. 80.0 meters of Vertical development was completed and Ventilation/Escapeway were constructed from the 125m level down to the 200m level.

Construction underground at Intrepid consisted of the 165mL Explosives and Detonator magazines, along with the 175m Level Refuge Station.

In late August Intrepid commenced Commercial Production with mining of stopes between 150m and 175m levels.

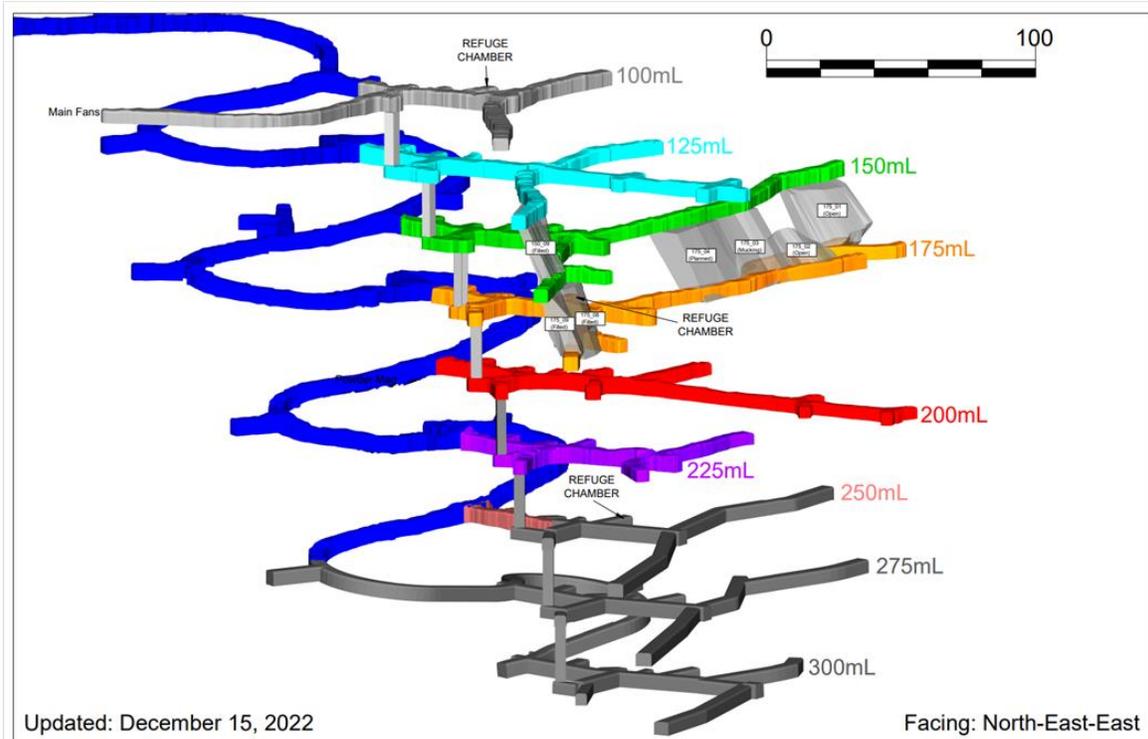


Figure 6. Underground development, Looking NW, as of end of December 2022 (grey portion is planned development for 2023)

Mill

The original Rainy River processing plant was nominally designed to process 7.7 Mtpa, or 21,000 tpd from the open pit and underground mines. The target production was originally 19,500 tpd from the open pit mine and 1,500 tpd from the underground mine. The process plant commenced ore processing in September 2017 and commercial production in mid-October 2017. Rainy River was able to achieve daily plant throughputs of 21,817 tpd (7.96 Mtpa) in 2019. Throughput was consistently increased to 24,161 tpd (8.82 Mtpa) and 25,341 tpd (9.25 Mtpa) in 2020 and 2021, respectively. Throughput achieved in 2022 was 8.60 Mtpa with the LOM throughput averaging approximately 23,568 tpd. Figure 7 shows the historical ore processed from 2017 through to 2022 and the forecasted throughput in 2023.

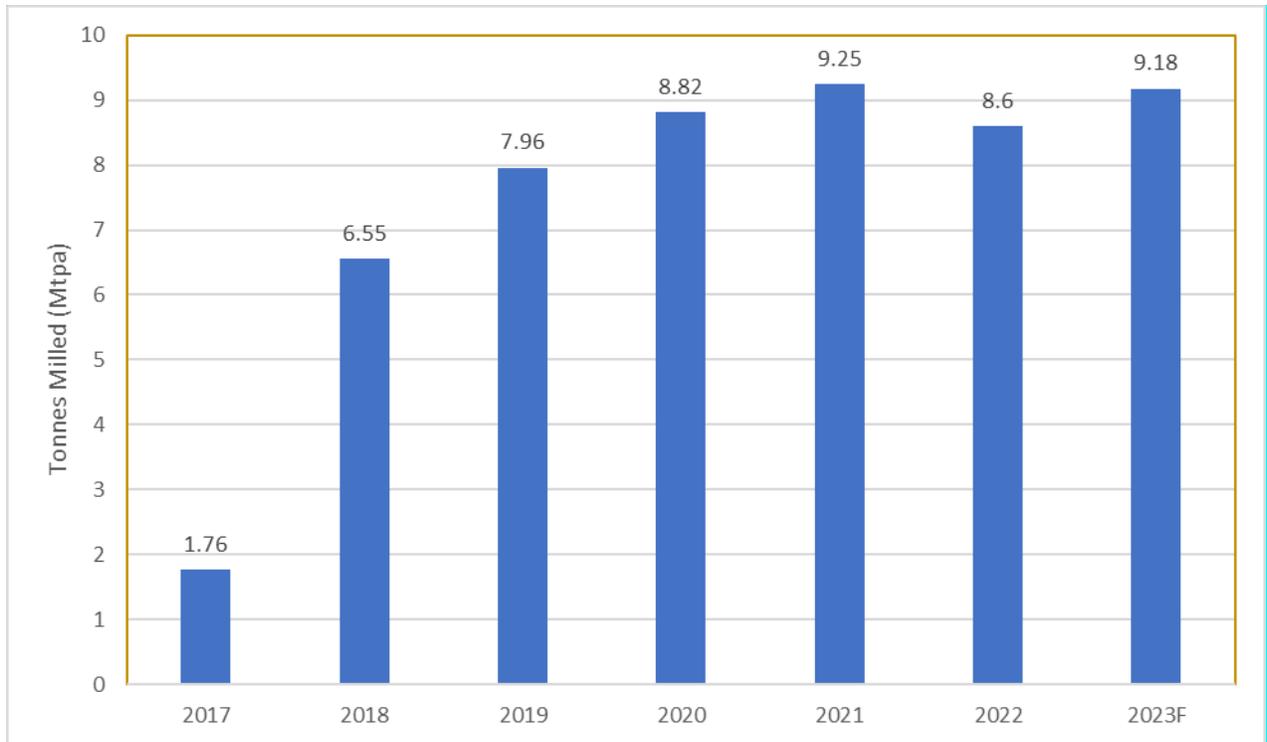


Figure 7. Ore processed

The Rainy River processing plant has two main mineral processing buildings:

- Primary Crushing Building; and
- Main Process Plant.

A general building site layout representing the electrical substation, process plant, stockpile and the primary crusher is presented in Figure 8.

Figure 9 illustrates the simplified flowsheet of the Rainy River process plant.

The process flowsheet consists of the following unit processes:

- Gyratory crusher
- Coarse ore stockpile, discharged through draw pockets by apron feeders
- SAG mill feed conveyor
- SAG mill
- Pebble crusher
- Ball mill
- Gravity concentration of cyclone feed slurry
- Intensive cyanide leaching of the gravity concentrate using an Acacia reactor

- Pre-leach thickener
- Cyanide leaching
- CIP circuit
- Cyanide destruction using the sulphur dioxide-air process
- Carbon stripping using the Zadra process
- Electrowinning of the eluent and gravity concentrate leach solution
- Casting of gold and silver bars (doré) in an induction furnace

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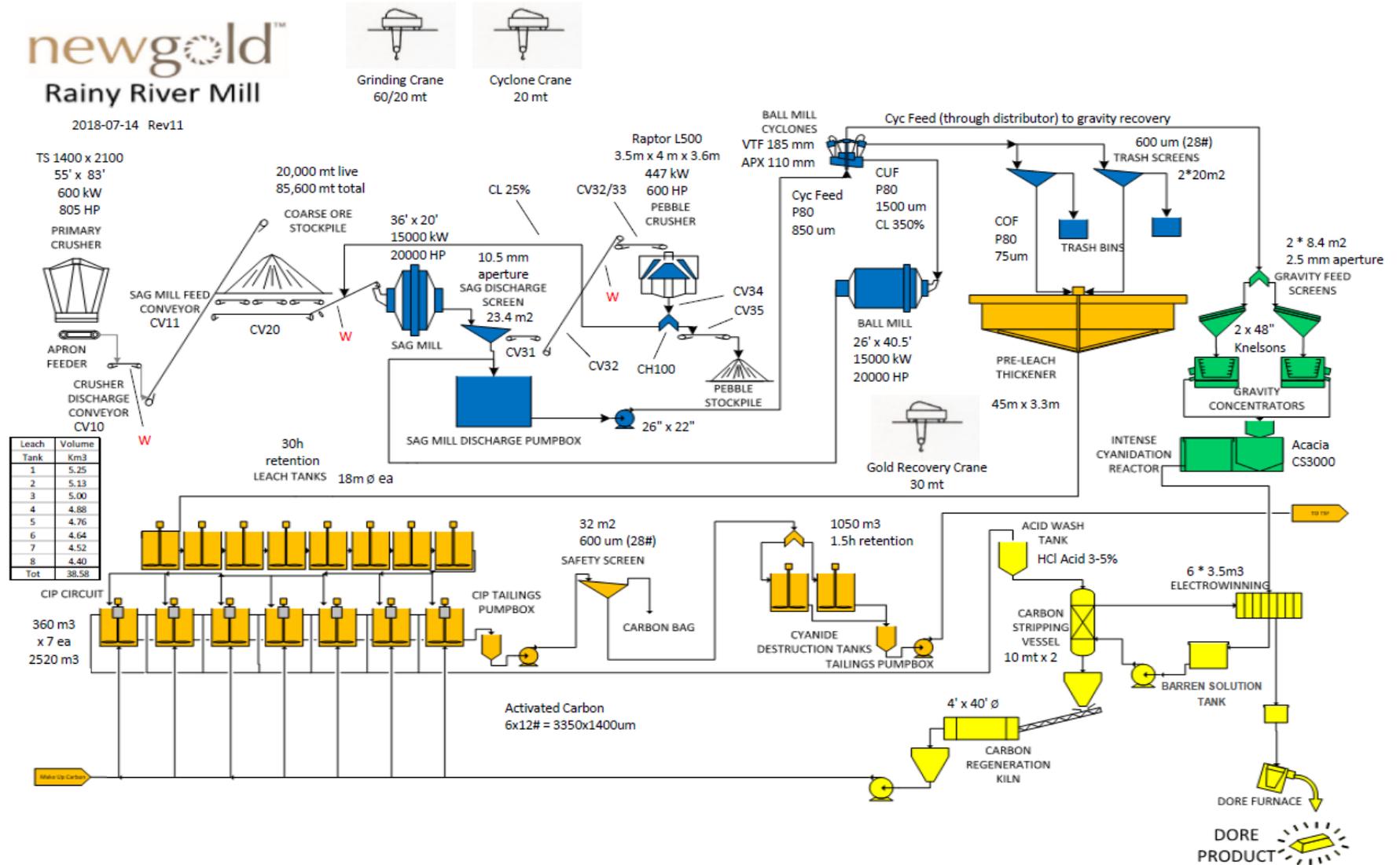


Figure 9. Site Mill flowsheet

Figure 10 shows the specific energy usage for the SAG mill and ball mill for a 2-years period from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2022.

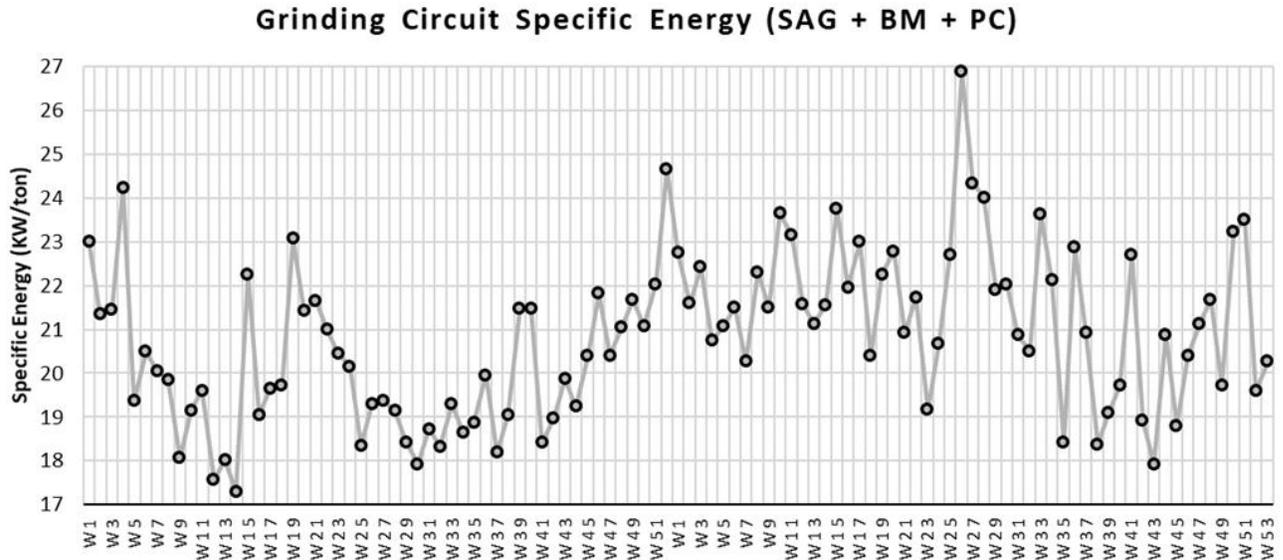


Figure 10. SAG + Ball mill energy usage from January 2021 to December 2022

The actual SAG + Ball mill specific energy usage for the 24-month period was 20.791 kWh/t. Dust from the crushed ore stockpile has been identified as an environmental and health concern. Solutions to the dust problem include installation of dry fog system and dust control curtains at discharge point of coarse ore stockpile feed conveyor, CV 11. This modification has been installed in Q4 2022 and early Q1 2023. Rainy River expects these measures should largely remove the dust issue.



Figure 11. Rainy River Mill

Construction

At Rainy River Mine, 2022 marked the eighth year of construction. During 2022, the following projects were completed:

- Tailings Management Area (TMA) Stage 4 Raise to elevation 375.1 m (See figure 12)
- TMA North Dam Spillway Raise to elevation 373.3 m
- TMA North Dam Shear Key
- WMP Settling Pond Dam Buttress
- East Mine Rock Stockpile (EMRS) Progressive Reclamation Earthworks (See figure 13)
- EMRS and West Mine Rock Stockpile (WMRS) Instrumentation Installation
- WMRS to WMP Pipeline Installation

Construction projects started in 2022 with planned 2023 completion include:

- TMA North Dam Seepage Collection Extension

Planned construction activities for 2023 include the following projects:

- TMA Stage 5 Raise to dam elevation 377.1 m
- TMA North Dam Spillway Raise to elevation 375.3 m
- TMA North Dam Tailings Line Extension
- TMA Influent Control Structure Upgrade
- TMA Instrumentation Installation

- Electrification of TMA and WMRS Sumps
- Biochemical Reactor 1 and 2 Remediation



Figure 12. TMA West Dam 5 Construction 2022



Figure 13. EMRS Progressive Reclamation Earthworks

Human Resources

As of December 31st, 2022, there were 815 employees of New Gold at Rainy River. During the year New Gold hired 185 employees and off-boarded 205 employees. Of the 815 employees;

- 69.6% were hired from the Rainy River District
- 2.1% were hired from the Kenora District
- 15.1% were hired from other locations in Ontario
- 12.8% were hired from Provinces or Territories within Canada, other than Ontario
- 0.4% were hired from outside of Canada
- 24.8% of New Gold employees at Rainy River self-identified as Indigenous, with the majority from local communities or affiliations.
- 17.5% of New Gold employees at Rainy River are female

The majority of employees work within the mine department, followed by maintenance, mill, and general operations departments (including finance, supply chain, environment, human resources, community and health and safety).

Development

Increasing leadership and employee capabilities, as well as developing a strong successor pipeline were key priorities in 2022.

New Gold Rainy River continued to roll out its Supervisor Development Program in collaboration with ProSup (formerly known as Jim Decker & Associates through Queen's University). The program builds current supervisors' and high-potential employees' competencies in the areas of leadership, communication, coaching, health & safety, professionalism, and management systems through a series of in-class and field coaching sessions. In 2022 14 employees attended the new cohort and 44 attended make up sessions, due to a stall due to COVID.

Six Sigma Green Belt was introduced with 6 successfully completing and 5 enrolled in Black Belt training.

New Gold Academy presented Finance 101 Part 1 & Part 2; ESG 101 and Linking Strategy, Culture and High Performance. The purpose of these learnings are to provide all employees a new development series meant to build knowledge and understanding on topics related to the company's four strategic pillars: Sustainability, People, Operational Excellent and Growth. Sessions are available over live webinar and recordings are available for download.

New Gold sponsored the International Women in Resources Mentorship Program in 2022, supporting 5 women within the company including 2 at Rainy River. The mentorship program is committed to advancing women in mining and building the pipeline of women leaders for the industry. Benefits for program participants included enhancing management skills, sharing knowledge across disciplines and generations, overcoming silo-thinking, and promoting personal growth and career progression.

Beginning in 2022 New Gold the Ignite Women's Leadership Program which is a series of 6 instructor-led workshops support the professional advancement of women, helping to gain self-awareness and skills to grow their careers and proactively reach their highest level of potential. The Rainy River Mine invited 9 participants in the second cohort.

Major Projects

An Attendance Management policy was developed in 2022, implementation for January 2023. The Disability Management and Accommodations policy was reviewed and updated to provide more clarity and support.

2022 marked the beginning of change in how we do business, a more client focused partner model. Departments were assigned dedicated HRBPs that is their contact for information, issues, advice and general help. HRBPs are out in the field regularly, attending tool box meetings, providing training on policies, Lunch & Learns, supervisor training, investigative support, and any other support as needed.

We built a strong, positive working relationship with Community Department, including partnering on interviewing, recruitment, conflict resolution, and great communication.

We have implemented Stay Interviews, Check-in Interviews, revamped our Exit Interviews, delivered DEI feedback to all crews and developed a plan forward to build a stronger DEI Committee and strategies.

We continued to offer the Resolution Counselling service that was started at the end of 2020. The clinical counsellor and addictions specialist continued to develop and share various mental health resources on topics such as: coping with stress, understanding depression and Seasonal Affective Disorder, positive thinking, motivation, resiliency, addressing rumors & gossip in the workplace, and dealing with addictions. On-site counselling was available for employees 3 days per month, as well as 1 day per month off-site at the Emo Office for employees and/or their families.

Community

New Gold RRM in 2022 remained impacted by COVID-19. In New Gold's fifth full year of commercial production, site tours were limited. Tours provided included a neighbours tour and some small group tours. In a typical year, site tours would have been provided to the general public, business partners, school groups, local service organizations, neighbours, Indigenous community members or families of employees.

New Gold RRM has various existing partnerships with Indigenous groups and continued to engage through participation and implementation committee teleconference and video meetings, emails, phone conversations, business development assistance, in-person meetings and community visits. New Gold participated in the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation walk and events held at the former residential school site in Couchiching. New Gold partnered with Earth Rangers to bring their Environmental stewardship virtual School Assembly program to fifteen schools in the Rainy River District. New Gold partnered with Science North to bring their earth sciences and mining-based programming to ten schools and First Nation communities in the district. New Gold RRM distributed two newsletters throughout the local communities, mailed locally and emailed to communities outside of the local mail distribution. New Gold held annual Spring and Fall Ceremonies at the

Roundhouse at site; Elder Gilbert Smith officiated the Spring Ceremony; Knowledge Keeper Gary Councillor officiated the Fall Ceremony

The community team for Rainy River includes a Community Superintendent, Community Coordinators and a Commitments Supervisor.

New Gold is proud of the numerous sponsorships and donations it makes to local communities. New Gold RRM supports initiatives that focus on education, arts & culture, environment and health and wellness. In 2022, some of the sponsorships and donations by New Gold RRM included;

- Earth Rangers;
- West Rainy River New Gold Youth Grant;
- Science North;
- Donations to local food banks and community Christmas dinner;
- Support of a school outdoor learning centre;
- Support for local fishing tournaments;
- Sponsorship of local hockey clubs;
- Sponsorship of a local community and cultural events.
- Sponsorship of an Anishinaabe Language and Cultural Camp

New Gold RRM will continue to be responsive to communities, ensuring community members are engaged with New Gold.



Figure 14. New Gold's Fall Ceremony held at the on-site Roundhouse
(L to R, Autumn Windego, New Gold Community Coordinator, Shannon Stone, New Gold Community Coordinator, Gary Councillor, Local Knowledge Keeper and ceremony officiant)



Figure 15. National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Walk

(New Gold management and employees participated in the walk)

Environment

As the Rainy River Mine advances, the Environmental Department continues to find efficient and effective means for conducting required monitoring such as routine groundwater, surface water, wildlife and aquatic monitoring, and ambient air quality monitoring. With the Important highlights to note in 2022 include:

- Managed a 1:100-year wet year for all ponds with no unauthorized discharges to the environment from the major facilities (Tailings Management Area, Water Management Pond, Mine Rock Pond, and all the Sediment Ponds).
- Completed an Implementation Audit for the Rainy River Mine Environmental Management System.

- Installed an Air Quality Monitoring device (AQ Eagle) at the Mobile Maintenance truck shop.
- Completed Year 5 (final year) of the Offset and Compensation fish habitat structures monitoring (Stockpile Pond will be continued in the future).
- Completed site water management systems review in response to 1:100-year wet year.
- Additional staffing approved for Environment Department to have onsite weekend coverage.

Environmental Management System

RRM is committed to having an International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 14001 compliant Environmental Management System (EMS). As such, the EMS has been designed and developed to deliver on the core function of the Environment Department and to be compliant with ISO 14001 criteria.

The core function of the RRM Environmental Department is managing the Final, Federal and Provincial compliance commitments, and all other applicable environmental permit requirements. In order to best manage these legal regulatory conditions, our RRM EMS has been customized to accommodate the high number of legally binding Environmental requirements that governs our operations and is designed to mitigate hazards and risks as well as maintain compliance with regulatory requirements and permit conditions.

All tasks and actions under the authority of the Environment Department were grouped by discipline as Discipline Specific Management Plans (MPs) while all remaining conditions that fall under the authority of other RRM departments were grouped as such and categorized as Environment Protection Plans (EPP). This demonstrates communication and ownership of commitments while ensuring compliance with RRM's legally binding Environmental requirements. Each RRM department is currently completing Status Reports for each MP and EPP which documents the implemented tasks and actions for their department specific Regulatory requirements.

RRM's EMS provides a framework for implementation of tasks and actions, necessitates evaluation of these tasks and actions and in turn, results in continuous improvement based on proposed preventative and corrective actions. The RRM EMS process allows for continual improvement through evaluation, approval and implementation. Below are some conditions or commitments that have raised some concerns as to how the site is able to achieve and maintain compliance.

Water Management

In 2022, the site water balance (WB) model was updated and calibrated regularly. Quarterly updates are performed at site and the information gathered helps inform near future water management decisions. The model is also compared to measured data, and any deviation greater than 15% is explained. In addition, the load source term water quality model was updated to include actual data and the result show a better than previously forecasted water quality for closure.

A live water balance dashboard (Figure 18) was developed which compares model predictions with the actual data. Manual water levels are taken at minimum once a week during winter and up to three times a week during ice-free periods. This information is automatically transferred to the dashboard which then gives a real time snapshot of water levels. The monthly updates also help forecast in near term water inventory on site and allows RRM to adjust and prepare for any conditions, by adjusting pumping rates or treatment and discharge of water. Having the WB managed on site gives RRM much greater control on water management and allows for nimble decision making.

in 2022, RRM managed to discharge 4.85M m³ of water to Pinewood River, which is a big achievement in terms of water discharge to the environment and reduction of the excess site water inventory. RRM has process water treatment systems in place, hence in 2022, all site discharge water quality were compliant. The ability to treat and discharge compliant process water is crucial to ensure the continued operations of the mine.

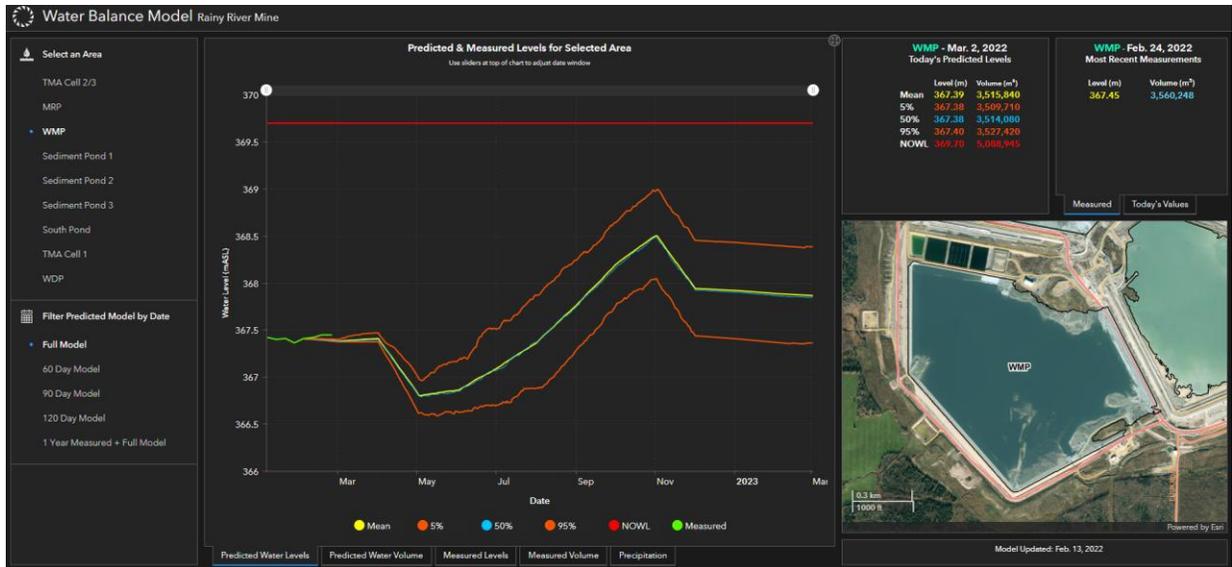


Figure 16. Rainy River Mine Water Balance Dashboard (March 02, 2022)

GIS

During 2022, the GIS team (GIS) continued to manage and improve the internal New Gold Rainy River distributed client/server Web GIS System (Web GIS), supply ongoing GIS services and solutions, developed new and advanced various existing geospatial and monitoring database systems.

In 2022 the major focus of the GIS team was the completion of the VWP Instrumentation Database System which was officially launched on March 29, 2022. The complete system comprises of 5 main components:

- The VWP Database containing the import logic, the Enterprise SQL Server database itself and a custom VWP Instrumentation schema.
- VWP Database Manager; a front-end application that allows users to manage, create and edit configurations without having to interact with the back-end database itself.
- VWP Data Viewer; a preconfigured Excel spreadsheet that reads and displays live instrument readings stored in the database in real time.
- The VWP System Health Dashboard allows technicians to monitor the quality and usability of incoming data and connection status of devices and alerts them of potential issues.
- VWP Live Monitoring Dashboard is designed for high level Interactive overview of

hourly VWP readings.

After the system launch, GIS continued to work with end users and implemented a number of additional processing and functionality improvements such as piezometric data filtering and flagging algorithms to non-destructively eliminate errors and to flag potentially abnormal rapid rates of change in data (spikes and jumps), the inclusion of TMA stationing grid and filtering, visualization enhancements such as stacked triggers and alerts for improved monitoring, added system for improved handling of dam raises (fills) and other items.

The ultimate goal of the overall Instrumentation System effort is to port all existing static means of data collection and monitoring into the Enterprise Database. With the VWP System launched and operational ahead of schedule, the team was able to focus their efforts on the conversion and development of other Instrumentation Systems in the development pipeline. The Slope Inclinator (SI) Monitoring System replacing the legacy excel based static spreadsheet was launched on October 5th, 2022. Featuring similar schema and components as the “VWP” counterpart, albeit smaller in scope, the SI system also includes a unique Construction Scheduler add-on, a database-driven utility that allows for automated scheduling of upcoming SI readings based on current construction activity on the dams being monitored.

The team also commenced the development of other systems in 2022 planned to be launched in 2023 and related subsystems. There are total of 5 systems to be completed (VWP, SI, SP, ME and STP). The progress of all 5 systems at the 2022 year-end systems is illustrated in figure 17 below.

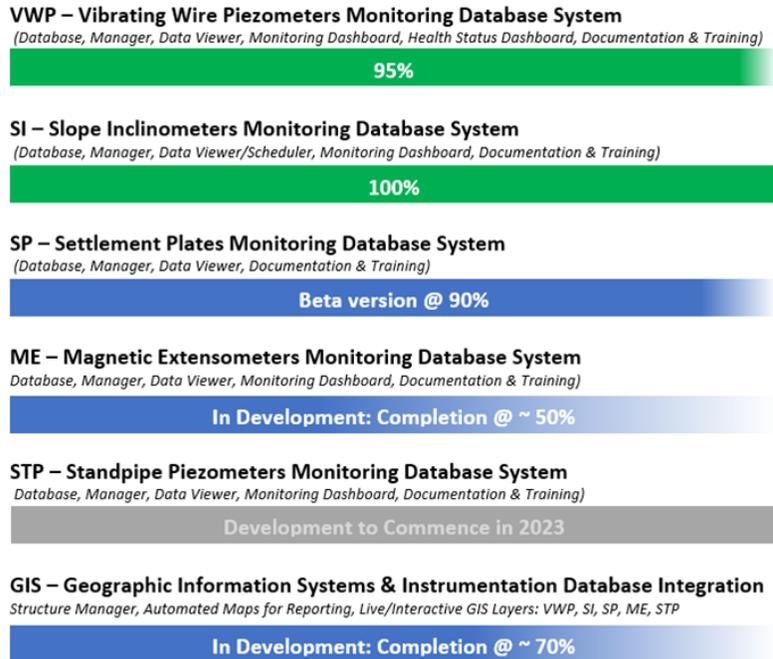


Figure 17. 5 systems to be completed in 2023 (VWP, SI, SP, ME and STP)

To improve the reliability of weather data which is used in many applications and calculations in throughout the instrumentation and other systems, the GIS Team acquired, configured, and installed a new additional weather station near the Tailings Management Area.

As a result of the major flood event in 2022, the site team decided to employ various measures among which was the acquisition of instruments to automatically capture water levels at various mine ponds. The GIS team was tasked with designing and developing a database-centric monitoring system to ingest and visualize these readings in real time. The team launched a first version of a new Water Levels Dashboard in September 2022. This utility now provides users with instant access to all available automated level readings at 10 monitored ponds. It also shows Normal Operating Water Levels (NOWL), Spillway elevations, manual measurements, and modelled levels and volumes along with

current weather forecast and other information. Further instruments and additional improvements to this system are planned for 2023.

Throughout 2022, the GIS Team also established a close working rapport with the new EOR (SRK) and developed a process of sharing the existing instrumentation readings data without having to implement a new system. In collaboration among GIS and IT, SRK was able to gain and continues to utilize all the readings data captured by the VWP and other instrumentation systems developed by the GIS team. The team developed several custom SQL Queries (views) in the database to allow SRK to easily use these to create specific visualization and reports in Power BI.

In collaboration with the Underground Operations team, GIS has launched a new interactive 3D Web GIS application showing the underground mining progress. This application is being updated monthly and has received several improvements between launch and year-end, namely the inclusion of mined stopes and mining claims. InSAR-based (Interferometric Synthetic-Aperture Radar) deformation/displacement monitoring program at the Rainy River continued in 2022, however a malfunction of one the ESA Sentinel-1 satellites resulted in data gaps which led to loss of continuity in the time-series data. Consequently, the team reevaluated the existing service and proposed an alternative solution for 2023. A new InSAR service provider was chosen from several bidders and a more robust monitoring program will be implemented and is scheduled to commence in 2023.

As part of an ongoing annual geospatial (remote sensing) survey effort, the GIS team facilitated the collection and acquisition of high-resolution multispectral orthoimagery in July 2022, a LiDAR topographic survey along with ultra-high resolution aerial imagery of the entire mine site in October 2022, as well as a bathymetry survey of the tailings management area in July 2022.

The team also continued to improve the process of updating the monthly drone orthomosaic comprised of all drone surveys completed each month. The resulting composite orthoimages are published (as a basemap) to the internal Web GIS and delivered (as a raster geospatial image) to internal users and consultants on monthly

basis.

In 2022 the team also worked with Mill Maintenance and completed a first of biannual power line and power pole inspection survey of the 18km powerline corridor using micro drones. The results of this survey were processed and presented via an interactive Web GIS Image Viewer dashboard which enabled the inspectors to click on the image geo-location and view the respective capture. Users can also filter by drone type and look direction.

The GIS Team then used a similar concept to develop a Rainy River Image Viewer application which can effortlessly locate any geotagged photos taken around the mine. The app scans any New Gold SharePoint drive and, at launch on November 17, 2022, it included nearly 7000 photos taken since 2013 using drones, cell phones or handheld cameras allowing anyone at New Gold to interactively locate Rainy River photos by location, date of capture and other parameters.

Other GIS services, analysis and applications of note the GIS team provided in 2022 include a Dedicated Land Tenure web GIS application that contains the latest MLAS data and Rainy River Freehold and Leasehold lands, TMA Bathymetry survey map set along with TMA volume summary including changes in tailings surface volumes from 2016 – 2022, a historical model to estimate the yearly amount of material volume deposited in the WMRS, comprehensive interpolated bedrock model for alternative clay quarry location suitability screening and other items.

In closure, one of the GIS team members Cameron McKee was recognized by ESRI, a major GIS software provider, for his New Gold GIS "Wenco Wi-fi Signal Strength" map (See figure 18) initially requested by the Mine Maintenance team and which is now featured in the nationally published 2023 ESRI Calendar.

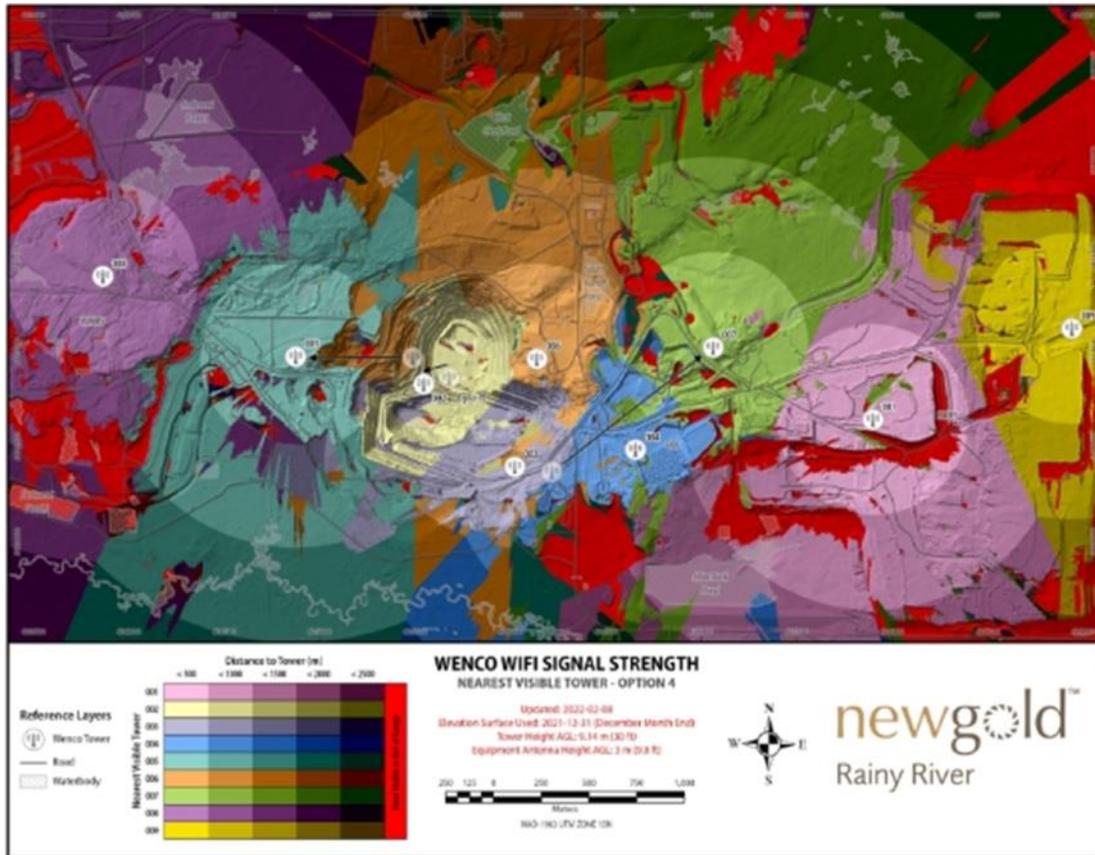


Figure 18. Wenco WIFI Signal Strength

Wildlife

In addition to the above projects, the environmental team continues to monitor air quality, wildlife, water quality, waste and hazardous waste. Inspections of site areas are completed monthly with additional inspections performed on an as-needed basis with all non-compliances reported immediately.

During 2022 various activities and monitoring programs were undertaken regarding RRM's commitments related to wildlife. Small body fish tissue monitoring occurred in the Pinewood River primarily to assess potential impacts RRM may be causing. For small body fish, Common Shiner and Central Mudminnow were monitored for Mine related

effects. No significant effects to human or wildlife health were detected down to the lowest guidelines available. Mercury levels seem to be fluctuating over time but remaining near baseline levels. Fish populations were also assessed in on-site compensation and offset habitat against DFO criteria for successfully constructed fish habitat. All structures are trending toward success for population density and life cycle use, though species diversity remains a challenge for some structures (Clark Pond and Diversion). Teeple Pond and Diversion underwent the fifth and final year of DFO monitoring in 2022 and was deemed suitable fish habitat supporting all criteria with a species diversity of 6 species present. The Stock Pile pond has been identified as unable to retain enough water to connect to the Stock Pile Diversion and therefore must be rehabilitated so water can pass from the Stock Pile Pond to the Diversion. The Stock Pile Pond/Diversion deficiencies leave NG 3.5 hectares short of the targeted amount of fish compensation habitat. To remedy this NG proposes to create the needed habitat as new fish habitat on existing Mine property as additional ponds. This work is planned for 2023. All activities were done with the authorization of the required License to Collect Fish for Scientific Purposes and Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act permits.

In addition to normal reporting of Species at Risk to MECP, Eastern Whip-Poor-Will monitoring was undertaken on Over All Benefit Areas and Near site locations. All monitoring and activities were done as per New Gold's Endangered Species Act permit and Follow-up-Monitoring plan.

Black Bears have always been a common sight at RRM and since 2016 New Gold has worked with the MNRF to minimize human/bear interactions, with their guidance and training, nuisance bears have remained manageable. RRM has 5 trained staff that are capable of relocating bears if needed under an Authorization to Trap and Transport Black Bears.

During 2021 local hunters provided White-tailed Deer tissue samples that will be analyzed for metal concentrations to monitor health of the local deer population. 15 samples were collected and will be compared to baseline data gathered from 2016-2018. This report will be available in 2023. This program did not run in 2022.



Figure 19. Pelicans south of Sed pond 1, July 6, 2022



Figure 20. Bald eagle seen on Mine access road, May 26, 2022

Regulatory Update

In January 2015 both a Federal Environmental Assessment Decision Statement and a Provincial Environmental Assessment Notice of Approval were provided to New Gold for the Rainy River Mine.

Throughout 2015 to 2017 earthworks construction of dams, water diversion systems, roads, and commissioning of mining operations were advanced based various permits and approvals granted by both the Federal and Provincial Governments.

And Amended Closure Plan was filed in October 2020, an Amended Industrial Sewage Works Environmental Compliance Approval was issued in April 2022, and an Amended Air and Noise Environmental Compliance Approval was issued July 2022.

Table 2. Summary of the environmental approvals related to the Rainy River Mine.

Table 2: Rainy River Mine - Environmental Permits and Approvals				
Agency	Type	Number	Description	Comments
Ontario Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks	Permit to Take Water	7430-AYEN78	Renewed Tailings Management Area Construction	Expired June 22, 2019.
		8101-AY8HT5	Renewed Construction Minor Takings	Expired June 22, 2019. Cancelled and replaced by 3177-BXPMNZ
		3177-BXPMNZ	Surface and Ground Water/ Constructed Wetlands Minor Taking	Expires March 30, 2022
		2558-AJ7HXF	Renewed Tait Quarry	Expires May 19 2022
		1386-9VTP2H	Aggregate Sources (OC3, OC4, Roen)	
		7631-9VULMS	Mine Dewatering	Cancelled and replaced by 1538-BXNN49
		1538-BXNN49	Mine Dewatering	Replacement
		6832-C2RLAD	Ground Water DW20-2, DW20-3	
	Environmental Compliance Approval	0412-A2LR4V	Air / Noise	Amended
		8567-9ZXG8U	Air / Noise	Superseded
		5178-9TUDP9	Operations	rescinded
		7004-BC7KQ5	Operations	Revoked February 11, 2020
		3855-C4E3FF	Sewage works	Amended
	Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry	Location, Plans and Specifications Approval	FF-2020-01	Effluent Mixing Structure(EMS)#2
FF-2019-01			Effluent Mixing Structure and Hydrology Gauge	
Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act		FF-2017-03	TMA Cell #2	
		FF-2017-02	Sediment Ponds	
		FF-2017-01	West Creek Natural Channel Temporary Bypass	
		FF-2016-02	Culvert Crossing	
		FF-2016-02A	CPL15	
		FF-2015-08	Culvert C15	
		FF-2015-07	Pinewood River Intake / Outfall	
		FF-2015-05	Mine Rock Pond	
		FF-2015-05A		
		FF-2015-04	TMA	
		FF-2015-04A		
		FF-2015-04B		
		FF-2015-04C		
		FF-2015-03	Clark Creek Diversion	
FF-2015-03A				
FF-2015-03B				
FF-2015-02	West Creek Diversion			
FF-2015-02A				

	FF-2015-02B		
	FF-2015-01	West Creek Diversion	
	FF-2015-01	Temporary Culverts C2, C6, C8	
Work Permit/ Letter of Authority	FF-2019-1916-AP001	Work in Water	Expired October 31 st 2021
Public Lands Act	FF11-2015/2016	Pinewood River Bridge Crossing	Expired December 30, 2016
	FF6-2015/2016	East Access Road Construction Amendment	Expired May 30, 2016
	FF2-2015/2016	East Access Road Construction	Expired May 30, 2016
Endangered Species Act Permit	FF-C-001-14	Permit Under 17(2)(c)	
Aggregate Resources Licence	625851	Tait Quarry	Rehabilitated in 2018
	626197	Laydown 4 Quarry	
Overlapping Forest Resource Licence Agreement	Agreement with Resolute Forest Products 2018-2019.		Expired March 31, 2019
	Agreement with Boundary Waters Forest Management Corp		April 1, 2020 to March 31 st 2021
Forest Resource Licence	B12157		2019-2020
	554565		Expired March 31, 2021
	554564		Expired March 31, 2021
Harvest Approval/ Authority to Haul	219400		2019-2020
	219198, 218658, 219196		2018-2019
Land Use Permit	FF2020-3854-LUP-003	Dock	
	1134-1003167	Transmission Line	
	1134-1003203	Four Safety Platforms	Expires July 31, 2022
Fish & Wildlife Collection Approvals	1098093	License to collect fish	Expired December 31, 2021
	1096303	License to collect fish- Fish recovery during repairs	Expired December 31, 2020
	1095517	License to collect fish EMS2 Diffuser	Expired December 31, 2020
	1095517	License to collect fish EMS2 Diffuser	Expired December 31, 2020
	1094187	Licence to Collect Fish for Scientific Purposes- Pinewood River	Expired December 31, 2019
	1093595	Licence to Collect Fish for Scientific Purposes- Site Waterbodies	Expired December 31, 2019
	1092647	Authorization to Trap and Transfer Black Bears 2019	Expires March 31, 2020
	1095848	Authorization to Trap and Transfer Black Bears 2020	Expires March 31, 2021

		1098087	Authorization to Trap and Transfer Black Bears 2021	Expires March 31, 2022
		1094158	Wildlife Scientific Collectors Authorization - Turtle and Snake Relocation 2019	Expired December 31, 2019
		1095545	Wildlife Scientific Collectors Authorization - Turtle and Snake Relocation 2020	Expired December 31st 2020
		1098239	Wildlife Scientific Collectors Authorization - Turtle and Snake Relocation 2020	Expired December 31st 2021
Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency	Federal Decision Statement issued under Section 54 of Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012	Provincial EA	90+ Federal EA Commitments	
Ontario Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks	Environmental Assessment Act Section 9 Notice of Approval to proceed with the Undertaking	EA Commitments	68 Provincial Commitments	
Environment Canada	Final EA Report Commitments Registry	Reporting Procedures for MMER	205 Commitments	
Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines	Closure Plan	13+ approvals	Contains Closure Plan Commitments Registry Filed by Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (February 23, 2015)	
Ontario Ministry of Transportation	Entrance Permit	14+ approvals		
Fisheries and Oceans Canada	Encroachment Permit	11+ approvals		No lighting or marking required
	Land Use	15-HCAA-00039		Renewal
	Authorization	KE-12-0963	Section 35(2)	
	Letter of Advice	15-0045	Road Crossings	
Transport Canada	Letter	15-0046	Linear Structure	
	Letter	ATS-15-16-00026521	Blasting Zone	
	Clearance	16-2664	Transmission Line - Aeronautic Obstruction Clearance	
	Nuclear Radiation Licence	15954-1-24.0	Nuclear Radiation Device License	

Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission		15954-1-19.0	Nuclear Radiation Device License	Expired
Ontario Energy Board	Electricity Wholesaler Licence	EW-2014-0371		
Municipality	Occupancy Permit	N16-08	Admin Building – Process Plant Site	

SECTION 3

NEW GOLD RAINY RIVER MINE

FEDERAL COMMITMENTS



Figure 21. Swan on Sed pond 2. April 25, 2022

General Conditions

Conditions 2.1 and 2.2 are definitions and general conditions, no reporting is associated with either of these conditions.

Condition 2.1

The Proponent shall, throughout all phases of the Designated Project, inform its actions in meeting the conditions set in this Decision Statement by the best available information and knowledge, based on validated methods and models, undertaken by qualified individuals and apply the best available economically and technologically feasible mitigation measures.

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure.

Status: Ongoing

During operation of the RRM, applications for new or amended permits have been required, meeting the conditions set out in this Decision Statement as well as other Provincial and Federal approvals. On November 7, 2018, the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency conducted an inspection at the mine. This allowed an opportunity for New Gold RRM to update CEAA on the progress of the mine and to find opportunities to ensure all Government conditions and commitments are attained.

Condition 2.2

Where consultation is a requirement of the conditions set out in this Decision Statement, the Proponent shall first consult Aboriginal groups on the most appropriate manner in which to engage in consultation with them.

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure.

Status: Ongoing

Consultation and engagement methods were significant discussion items throughout the EA process and in the negotiation of Impact Benefit and Participation Agreements. Active consultation and engagement with local communities continued through 2022.

Condition 2.3

The Proponent shall submit to the Agency an annual report on the implementation of the conditions set out in this Decision Statement with a supporting analysis for each of the conditions for the preceding calendar year on or before March 31, starting from the commencement of any activities in connection with the carrying out of the Designated Project. Each annual report shall describe how the Proponent has considered and incorporated the factors outlined in condition 2.1 in the implementation of the conditions set out in this Decision Statement.

Timing: Annually on March 31st.

Status: Completed to date

The annual report was submitted to the Agency in March 2022. A digital copy can be found on the New Gold Website at <http://www.newgold.com/projects/rainyriver/rainyriver-project>. The public is also welcome to visit the New Gold office in Emo, Ontario to review copies of the document.

Condition 2.4

The Proponent shall, in consideration of the annual report for condition 2.3, provide documentation to the Agency indicating the results of any monitoring for conditions 3.8, 4.6, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 6.4, and 8.4. The documentation shall demonstrate whether the mitigation measures have proven effective and whether the predictions made during the environmental assessment were accurate. The documentation shall also detail any corrective actions taken by the Proponent should the mitigation measures prove not to be effective.

Timing Annually on March 31st.

Status: Completed to date

Documented results can be found under each of the specified sections for the monitoring work that was completed in 2022.

Condition 2.5

The Proponent shall make the report and documentation referred to in conditions 2.3 and 2.4 available on its website no later than 30 days after submission to the Agency.

Timing: Within 30 days of submission to Agency

Status: Completed to date

The report and documentation referred to in conditions 2.3 and 2.4 are made available on NG's website (www.newgold.com) no later than 30 days after submission to the Agency.

Condition 3 Fish and Fish Habitat

Condition 3.1.1

The Proponent shall minimize changes caused by the Designated Project to water levels and water flows in the Pinewood River, the Minor Creek System, and the Modified Minor Creek System in such a way as to protect fish and fish habitat, by implementing mitigation measures including, but not limited to: recycling of water, for ore processing, from the TMA and ponds constructed for water management.

Timing: Operations.

Status: Ongoing

In 2017, the Mill, Water Management Pond (WMP), Tailings Management Area (TMA) Starter Cell (Cell 1) and Mine Rock Pond (MRP) were commissioned, allowing water to be recycled from the open pit under the authorization and subject to Conditions 3.2 through 3.5 of Permit to Take Water (PTTW) 7631-9VULMS, the WMP, and the TMA to assist in the milling of ore. The mine infrastructure was designed to encourage recycling of water.

Water was withdrawn from the Pinewood River to build the initial water inventory needed to start operations, under the authorization and subject to Conditions 3.2 and 3.3 of PTTW 8776-9W2QN3. Water taking from the Pinewood River ceased in October 2018, and PTTW 8776-9W2QN3, which authorized direct water taking from the Pinewood River, expired on November 30, 2018.

Condition 3.1.2

The Proponent shall minimize changes caused by the Designated Project to water levels and water flows in the Pinewood River, the Minor Creek System, and the Modified Minor Creek System in such a way as to protect fish and fish habitat, by implementing mitigation measures including, but not limited to: optimizing the timing, position and quantity of final effluent discharge between the final effluent discharge points.

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure.

Status: Ongoing

In 2017, the Water Management Pond (WMP), Tailings Management Area (TMA) Starter Cell and Mine Rock Pond (MRP) were commissioned, which increased the site capture of watershed drainage areas associated with the Rainy River Mine (RRM). As per Condition 3.3 of Permit to Take Water (PTTW) 8776-9W2QN3, the volume of water captured by site catchments was included in the total direct taking from the Pinewood River in 2017 and 2018. During the construction of the WMP, the TMA, the MRP and development of the open pit, there were construction related discharges to the environment subject to the Effluent Limits in Condition 7 of expired Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) 5781-9VJQ2J. The construction related discharge points were obtained through the Environment Canada Metal Mining Effluent Notification Process, and subject to the Metal Mining Effluent Regulations.

Until February 2020, Condition 5 of rescinded ECA 5178-9TUPD9 dictated the discharge quality criteria, timing and volume restrictions for release of effluent from the four (4) final discharge points, Constructed Wetland Final Discharge, Water Management Pond Pipeline Discharge, Sediment Pond #1 and Sediment Pond #2. In February 2020, amended ECA #7004-BC7KQ5 was issued to RRM. This ECA latter amended by ECA #3855-C4E3FF issued on June 28, 2021, which has several conditions related to the discharge quality, timing and volume restrictions for release of effluent from four approved final discharge points: EDL1, EDL2, Sediment Pond 1 and Sediment Pond 2. In 2022, discharges occurred from EDL1, EDL2 and Sediment Pond 2.

Condition 3.1.3

The Proponent shall minimize changes caused by the Designated Project to water levels and water flows in the Pinewood River, the Minor Creek System, and the Modified Minor Creek System in such a way as to protect fish and fish habitat, by implementing mitigation measures including, but not limited

to: filling the open pit during the decommissioning and abandonment phases in a manner which meets the flow requirements in the Pinewood River while allowing the pit to be filled as expeditiously as possible to reduce any adverse environmental effects.

Timing: Closure.

Status: Not applicable in 2022.

The Closure Plan for the Rainy River Mine outlines the close out and rehabilitation methods that will be used at the time of mine closure. Regarding the open pit, the pit walls will be reviewed by a professional engineer to ensure compliance with the Ontario Mine Rehabilitation Code. Safety measures that include a berm and boulders, and signage will be placed, and then the pit will be allowed to fill using a staged approach. This approach will involve water being directed from the Mine Rock Pond, seepage from the East Mine Rock Stockpile, and potentially runoff from the outside of the Tailings Management Area dams, in addition to open pit runoff and groundwater seeps. Flooding the final open pit is expected to take 60 to 75 years.

Condition 3.1.4- Completed November 30, 2018.

The Proponent shall minimize changes caused by the Designated Project to water levels and water flows in the Pinewood River, the Minor Creek System, and the Modified Minor Creek System in such a way as to protect fish and fish habitat, by implementing mitigation measures including, but not limited to: not taking water from the Pinewood River when flows are below the minimum threshold set by Ontario

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure.

Status: Complete

No direct water taking from the Pinewood River occurred in 2022. Permit to Take Water (PTTW) 8776-9W2QN3 expired on November 30, 2018.

Condition 3.2.1

The Proponent shall, for all effluent, comply with the MMER, the Fisheries Act and any site-specific water quality requirements set by Ontario. To ensure compliance, the Proponent shall implement, at a

minimum, the following mitigation measures: treat effluent prior to discharge to the environment.

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure.

Status: Ongoing

In 2022, effluent discharges to the Pinewood River occurred directly from EDL1, EDL2 and Sediment Pond #2. Effluent discharged from Sediment Ponds #2 did not contact tailings or any potentially acid generating (PAG) material. Treated effluent discharged at EDL1 and EDL2 originated from the WMP.

To maintain compliance with Environment Canada Environmental Effects Monitoring requirements issued for the project, RRM conducts quarterly sublethal toxicity testing of its final effluent discharge location that potentially has the most adverse effect on the environment, monthly water quality monitoring of reference and exposure locations for each final discharge point, as well as sediment quality monitoring, benthic invertebrate community monitoring and fish population monitoring.

Condition 3.2.2

The Proponent shall, for all effluent, comply with the MMER, the Fisheries Act and any site-specific water quality requirements set by Ontario. To ensure compliance, the Proponent shall implement, at a minimum, the following mitigation measures: treat tailings slurry to break down cyanide and precipitate heavy metals.

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure.

Status: Ongoing

Authorization to deposit tailings in the Tailings Management Area (TMA) was received on September 28, 2017. Before any tailings slurry can be deposited in the TMA, the slurry must be treated by an in-plant tailings slurry cyanide destruction (SO₂/Air) treatment facility located in the process plant.

Condition 3.2.3

The Proponent shall, for all effluent, comply with the MMER, the Fisheries Act and any site-specific water quality requirements set by Ontario. To ensure compliance, the Proponent shall implement, at a minimum, the following mitigation measures: collect site contact water and seepage in ditches and divert to either the TMA or water management facilities for release via final discharge points.

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure.

Status: Ongoing

All site water is collected in a site impoundment, such as Sediment Pond #1, #2 and #3, Tailings Management Area (TMA), Water Management Pond (WMP) or Mine Rock Pond (MRP), for recycling and further treatment before eventual release via final discharge points.

Condition 3.2.4

The Proponent shall, for all effluent, comply with the MMER, the Fisheries Act and any site-specific water quality requirements set by Ontario. To ensure compliance, the Proponent shall implement, at a minimum, the following mitigation measures: install and operate a water quality control structure in the constructed wetland to prevent the release of final effluent discharge not compliant with the Regulations or requirements

Timing: Operation and Closure.

Status: Ongoing.

Not applicable at this time. Construction of the constructed wetland has been deferred. Construction will include a water quality control structure.

Condition 3.2.5 - Completed

The Proponent shall, for all effluent, comply with the MMER, the Fisheries Act and any site-specific water quality requirements set by Ontario. To ensure compliance, the Proponent shall implement, at a minimum, the following mitigation measures: install secondary containment on pipelines that cross the West Creek Diversion Channel to prevent accidental discharge of effluent.

Timing: Construction

Status: Complete

Pipelines associated with mill processing and tailings transportation from the plant to the Tailings Management Area were installed in 2017. A design modification was completed which included secondary containment of the pipeline that crosses the West Creek Diversion channel and also where

the pipeline crosses West Creek. The secondary containment consists of sleeves (pipe within a pipe) made from 36" high density polyethylene (HDPE). The rest of the pipeline has a double wall thickness for protection. The entire tailings pipeline is contained in a corridor which is also lined with a fused geomembrane and is sloped to drain into the multiple sumps in case of emergency.

Relocation of this line began in Q1 2021, which will include the same containment measures as the original pipeline corridor.

Condition 3.3.1 - Completed

The Proponent shall control acid rock drainage and metal leaching so that all effluent and passive outflow from the Project Site comply with the MMER, any site-specific water quality requirements set by Ontario, and the Fisheries Act, as applicable at any time. To ensure compliance, the Proponent shall implement, at a minimum, the following mitigation measures: line the former Clark Creek channel (under the east mine rock stockpile) with non-potentially acid generating material

Timing: Construction and Operations

Status: Complete

To comply with MDMER and provincial permitting requirements, effluent and passive outflow from the Potentially Acid Generating (PAG) rock drainage and metal leaching from active areas of East Mine Rock Stockpile area was collected in the Mine Rock Pond and associated seepage collection system. In 2020, the lining of the Clark Creek channel with non-acid generating rock was completed under the East Mine Rock Stockpile area up to the wick zone area. No additional placement is required as the whole remnant Clark Creek channel's footprint is completely lined with non-potentially acid generating material.

Condition 3.3.2

The Proponent shall control acid rock drainage and metal leaching so that all effluent and passive outflow from the Project Site comply with the MMER, any site-specific water quality requirements set by Ontario, and the Fisheries Act, as applicable at any time. To ensure compliance, the Proponent shall implement, at a minimum, the following mitigation measures: sort waste rock into potentially acid generating and non-potentially acid generating rock stockpiles through the development and implementation of a detailed mine rock segregation program using criteria for determining potentially acid generating material set by Ontario.

Timing: Construction and Operations.

Status: Ongoing

A Geochemical Monitoring Plan for the Construction and Operation Phases was issued in accordance with MECP ECA 3855-C4E3FF requirements and has been implemented at the RRM site. Monitoring was ongoing during 2022 (Appendix A).

Condition 3.3.3 - Completed

The Proponent shall control acid rock drainage and metal leaching so that all effluent and passive outflow from the Project Site comply with the MMER, any site-specific water quality requirements set by Ontario, and the Fisheries Act, as applicable at any time. To ensure compliance, the Proponent shall implement, at a minimum, the following mitigation measures: design and construct the perimeter ditching around the east mine rock stockpile and low-grade ore stockpile to accommodate a 100-year flood event.

Timing: Construction and Operations.

Status: Complete

Construction of perimeter ditching that will accommodate a 100-year flood event for the East Mine Rock Stockpile (EMRS) has been completed.

Condition 3.3.4

The Proponent shall control acid rock drainage and metal leaching so that all effluent and passive outflow from the Project Site comply with the MMER, any site-specific water quality requirements set by Ontario, and the Fisheries Act, as applicable at any time. To ensure compliance, the Proponent shall implement, at a minimum, the following mitigation measures: use potentially acid generating material only for the purpose of constructing the tailing management dam, where saturated conditions can be maintained. Potentially acid generating material must not be used for any other construction purpose.

Timing: Construction and Operations.

Status: Ongoing

All the PAG that has been encountered during 2022 has either been stockpiled in the East Mine Rock Stockpile, used in the pit (for road building and padding in the overburden) or stockpiled in the Tailings Management Area and used for the upstream side of the Tailings Management dam wall construction.

Condition 3.3.5

The Proponent shall control acid rock drainage and metal leaching so that all effluent and passive outflow from the Project Site comply with the MMER, any site-specific water quality requirements set by Ontario, and the Fisheries Act, as applicable at any time. To ensure compliance, the Proponent shall implement, at a minimum, the following mitigation measures: place an engineered cover over the east mine rock stockpile and any remaining ore stockpiles at or before the decommissioning phase. The cover should be designed to prevent infiltration of water and to limit infiltration of air during the decommissioning and abandonment phases.

Timing: Operations and Closure.

Status: Ongoing

Approximately 1.6 ha of East Mine Rock Stockpile's lower bench underwent progressive reclamation during 2022. This reclamation included the construction of a 0.5 m lower permeability layer on the bottom and a 1 m growth medium, frost protection, moisture retention layer on the top. Reclamation of the cover followed the constructability plan and an extensive QA/QC program to ensure compliance with the proposed engineered cover system. See EMRS Cover Record of Construction Rev0 in Appendix B for more information. Additionally, in 2017, a stockpile containing potentially acid generating rock was covered with the engineered cover per design in the RRM Closure Plan and had instrumentation installed for monitoring purposes. Further testing and monitoring was conducted in 2022 to assess the fifth year of the cover trial. See PAG Cover Trials - 2021 Annual Report Rev1 in Appendix C for more information.

Condition 3.3.6

The Proponent shall control acid rock drainage and metal leaching so that all effluent and passive outflow from the Project Site comply with the MMER, any site-specific water quality requirements set by Ontario, and the Fisheries Act, as applicable at any time. To ensure compliance, the Proponent shall implement, at a minimum, the following mitigation measures: cover the tailings with water and maintain the tailings in a perpetually saturated state during the decommissioning and abandonment phases.

Timing: Closure.

Status: Not applicable in 2022.

At the time of mine closure, New Gold intends on maintaining the tailings in a perpetually saturated state during the decommissioning and abandonment phases. Further information regarding mine reclamation and decommissioning can be found in the Rainy River Mine Closure Plan (December 2019). This condition currently doesn't apply to the operational state of the mine.

Condition 3.3.7

The Proponent shall control acid rock drainage and metal leaching so that all effluent and passive outflow from the Project Site comply with the MMER, any site-specific water quality requirements set by Ontario, and the Fisheries Act, as applicable at any time. To ensure compliance, the Proponent shall implement, at a minimum, the following mitigation measures: fill the open pit, in accordance with condition 3.1.3 and 3.1.4, as rapidly as practicable during the decommissioning and abandonment phases, using all available means, including directing drainage from the east mine rock stockpile into the pit.

Timing: Closure

Status: Not applicable in 2022.

During the decommissioning and abandonment phases, the open pit will fill and be managed according to the requirements specified in section 9.3.1 of the Rainy River Mine Closure Plan (December 2019). During the first 10 years of flooding, waters from the Mine Rock Pond will be directed into the open pit. Following this initial flooding period, seepage from the east mine rock stockpile area will be directed into the open pit. With the additional input of natural water sources (rain, ground water seeps) it is estimated that it will take approximately 60 to 75 years to flood the open pit.

Condition 3.3.8

The Proponent shall control acid rock drainage and metal leaching so that all effluent and passive outflow from the Project Site comply with the MMER, any site-specific water quality requirements set by Ontario, and the Fisheries Act, as applicable at any time. To ensure compliance, the Proponent shall implement, at a minimum, the following mitigation measures: control water quality in the open pit lake

during the abandonment phase.

Timing: Closure

Status: Not applicable in 2022.

This condition is not relevant to the construction and operations phases. It will be implemented during the "closing out" stage of the Rainy River Mine as stipulated in the Rainy River Project Closure Plan (December 2019), Section 10.2.

Condition 3.4 – Completed Fall of 2015

The Proponent shall design and construct new road watercourse crossings for the realignment of Highway 600 to allow for fish passage in accordance with the Environmental Guide for Fish and Fish Habitat.

Timing: Construction

Status: Complete

Condition 3.5- Completed Fall 2017.

The Proponent shall design and construct new road watercourse crossings for the realignment of Highway 600 to meet the Highway Drainage Design Standards of the MTO.

Timing: Construction

Status: Complete

During the design phase of the Highway 600 realignment, routine meetings were held between New Gold Inc. (formally Rainy River Resources) and the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO). The road and its associated crossings have been designed and constructed to meet MTO standards and was completed under the MTO Construction Administration and Inspection Task Manual (CAITM) protocol. Highway 600 was turned over to the MTO in 2017.

Condition 3.6

The Proponent shall design, and construct water intakes meeting standards set out in the Freshwater Intake End-of-Pipe Fish Screen Guideline of the DFO.

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure.

Status: Ongoing

In 2016 the Pinewood River Pumphouse and Intake was completed and operated in 2017. This facility provided water to the Water Management Pond to utilize in mill processing in the event that there is not enough fresh water in the sites recycling process.

The pump intake enters the Pinewood River and is isolated by a chain link fence that is installed below the high-water mark of the Pinewood River. In order to meet DFO guidelines and continue to allow successful suction of water, a fish screen was installed over the chain link fence running from the base of the Pinewood River to the above high-water mark. During construction of flow measurement systems in 2021, all pump intakes used in fish-bearing waters were equipped with fish screens that met DFO guidelines. In 2022, no pumping occurred within fish-bearing waterbodies.

Condition 3.7

The Proponent shall both offset any residual serious harm to fish in accordance with subsection 35(2) of the Fisheries Act and associated regulations, and compensate for the loss of fish habitat resulting from the deposition of a deleterious substance into a tailings impoundment area in accordance with the MMER, by recreating fish habitat in the West Creek Diversion Channel, West Creek Pond, Stockpile Pond Diversion Channel, Stockpile Pond, Clark Creek Diversion Channel, Clark Creek Pond, and Teeple Road Pond.

Timing: Construction.

Status: Ongoing

Fish habitat compensation was designed by qualified experts and was reviewed by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) during the permit approval phase.

In 2016, Teeple Pond and Diversion channel construction concluded and the system was commissioned that fall. In 2017, the design team conducted a review of the system and produced an Annual Monitoring Report for the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to meet the requirements of Fisheries Act Authorization No. 15-HCAA-00039. The review concluded substantial conformance between the as built specifications and the design criteria and that the area or replacement habitat was

greater than the required 8.41ha.

Construction of the remaining offsetting habitat (West Creek Pond and Diversion Channel, Stockpile Pond and Diversion Channel, and Clark Creek Pond and Diversion Channel) was completed in July 2017. As part of fulfilling the as-constructed survey condition of the approval, an interim as-constructed compensation measures review was conducted during 2017 and a report submitted to DFO.

On July 31, 2020, the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada issued a Notice of Non-Compliance to New Gold Inc. of not compensating for the loss of fish habitat by failing to achieve the success criteria of recreating functional fish habitat by water loss in Stockpile Pond. New Gold completed its' investigation in 2021. This investigation found that 3.5 hectares of fish habitat would need to be created to compensate for the deficient habitat in Stockpile Pond and Diversion as well as the time lag in the creation of that habitat. NG intends to restore fish passage between the pond and diversion and create 3.5 hectares of fish habitat on NG owned property by 2024.

Condition 3.8.1

The Proponent shall monitor water quality and quantity, and fish and fish habitat, to determine the effectiveness of the mitigation measures under conditions 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 and 3.7. In doing so, the Proponent shall monitor, at a minimum: water levels and flows, with respect to minimum flow thresholds for the Pinewood River set by Ontario, during periods of water taking as authorized pursuant to the Ontario Water Resources Act.

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure.

Status: Ongoing

During 2015, a flow monitoring station was installed in the Pinewood River to track water level elevations and flow rates for the Pinewood River System. A flow monitoring station belonging to the Water Survey of Canada (WSC) is also located downstream of the project on the Pinewood River. In April 2017, the Water Management Pond (WMP) was commissioned and direct water takings from the Pinewood River began to build the initial water inventory for operations start up. The water takings were in accordance with Permit to Take Water (PTTW) 8776-9W2QN2, which has since expired on November 20, 2018. Under PTTW 8776-9W2QN2, New Gold was required to develop and submit a Biological Monitoring Plan that addresses methods for monitoring and identifying fish kills and fish stranding, and a contingency plan to address adverse effects. This monitoring plan was submitted in early 2016, and commenced upon MECP approval.

In 2021, New Gold constructed additional flow monitoring stations within the Pinewood River and West Creek Diversion. These stations were used to more accurately inform the operation of permit to take water volumes and were maintained and functioning the 2022.

RRM has 3 PTTWs for the Mine Workings and Aggregate Dewatering. For 2022, all water takings were monitored using calibrated flow meters and data obtained from these takings is submitted annually via the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) online reporting protocol.

Condition 3.8.2

The Proponent shall monitor water quality and quantity, and fish and fish habitat, to determine the effectiveness of the mitigation measures under conditions 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 and 3.7. In doing so, the Proponent shall monitor, at a minimum: effluent quality as per the requirements set out in the MMER.

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure.

Status: Ongoing

During 2022, effluent discharges to the environment as defined by the Metal and Diamond Mining Effluent Regulation (MDMER) occurred from Sediment Pond #2 and via the Water Discharge Pipeline to EDL1 and EDL2. All discharged effluent was compliant with applicable provincial and federal regulations except on July 29, 2022 when Effluent Discharge Location #2 discharged 3,502 m³ in error and exceeded the Industrial Sewage Work Environmental Compliance Approval 2290-CAVKGN allowable total zinc.

In 2022, three of four final discharge points were active. Discharge from Sediment Pond #2 occurred between April 12 and July 6, July 28 and August 7, September 19 and September 28, and October 18 and November 3. Discharge via the Water Discharge Pipeline (EDL1) occurred between April 12 and July 6, July 30 and August 7, September 20 and September 28, and October 20 and November 3. Discharge via EDL2 occurred between April 17 and June 8, October 20 and November 3.

Condition 3.8.3

The Proponent shall monitor water quality and quantity, and fish and fish habitat, to determine the effectiveness of the mitigation measures under conditions 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 and 3.7. In doing so, the Proponent shall monitor, at a minimum: the effectiveness of recreated fish habitat. The monitoring shall be designed in accordance with any authorizations pursuant to subsection 35(2) of the Fisheries Act and associated regulations and/or the MMER.

Timing: Construction and Operations.

Status: Ongoing

Fish habitat compensation was designed by qualified experts and was reviewed by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) during the permit approval phase.

By the end of 2017, all fish habitat had been recreated. The As-Built Report for Teeple Pond and Diversion Channel was completed and submitted to the DFO at the end of 2016. The fifth year of monitoring had been completed in 2021. A monitoring report was submitted to the DFO at the end of 2021. By the end of the monitoring cycle the Teeple system showed success in all criteria in all target areas other than species diversity. In consultation with the DFO and ECCC the monitoring plan was amended to allow for a lower species diversity of 7 species instead of 9. The major factors for this decision were during baseline studies 4 species made up 80% of fish caught and species abundance of the Teeple system (especially the pond) well exceeds monitoring targets (seine netting in particular). These factors considered the Teeple system has been deemed suitable fish habitat.

The As-Built Report for West Creek Pond, Stockpile Pond, Clark Creek Pond, and associated diversions was submitted to the DFO at the end of 2017. In 2022, the fourth year of monitoring had been completed and the monitoring report submitted to the DFO. This monitoring will occur once more in 2023.

On July 31, 2020, the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada issued a Notice of Non-Compliance to New Gold Inc. for not compensating for the loss of fish habitat by failing to achieve the success criteria of recreating functional fish habitat by water loss in Stockpile Pond. New Gold has investigated the source of the water loss within the pond and plans to restore fish passage in the Stockpile system as well as created another 3.5 hectares of fish habitat by 2024.

Condition 3.8.4

The Proponent shall monitor water quality and quantity, and fish and fish habitat, to determine the effectiveness of the mitigation measures under conditions 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 and 3.7. In doing so, the Proponent shall monitor, at a minimum: the effectiveness of the potentially acid generating and non-potentially acid generating rock segregation program through ongoing geochemical verification of the waste rock during any period that waste rock is generated.

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure.

Status: Ongoing

Potential acid generating and non-potentially acid generating rock is sampled and segregated per the Geochemical Monitoring Plan. See RRM Geochemical Monitoring Plan Ver 3 in Appendix A for more information.

Condition 3.8.5

The Proponent shall monitor water quality and quantity, and fish and fish habitat, to determine the effectiveness of the mitigation measures under conditions 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 and 3.7. In doing so, the Proponent shall monitor, at a minimum: water quality in the open pit, pursuant to any requirements set by Ontario in the Mine Closure Plan for the Designated Project.

Timing: Closure.

Status: Not applicable in 2022.

This condition is currently not relevant as the mine is in its operational phase.

Condition 3.8.6

The Proponent shall monitor water quality and quantity, and fish and fish habitat, to determine the effectiveness of the mitigation measures under conditions 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 and 3.7. In doing so, the Proponent shall monitor, at a minimum: the maintenance of a perpetually saturated state of the tailings, for 25 years from the start of the decommissioning phase of the Designated Project.

Timing: 25 years after operations.

Status: Not applicable in 2022.

This condition currently does not apply to the project as the mine was in a construction and operational phase in 2022. However, the Closure Plan for the project outlines the process in which tailings will be rehabilitated in a saturated state.

Condition 4 Migratory Birds

Condition 4.1.1

The Proponent shall carry out all phases of the Designated Project in a manner that avoids harming or killing migratory birds, or disturbing, destroying or the taking of nests or eggs, with consideration of guidance provided in: Environment Canada's policy on Incidental Take of Migratory Birds in Canada.

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure.

Status: Ongoing

In order to educate New Gold Employees and site contractors, the Rainy River Mine Environmental Department has implemented site wide notices regarding the breeding bird window and the requirements for bird sweeps in new construction areas or areas that have been inactive for periods of time. A bird sweep is a method of walking an area in a grid system to ensure that no birds are nesting on the ground or nesting in tall grass areas. The Environmental department is also the primary contact for any incidents or mortalities to birds, nests or eggs on site.

In 2022, 4 American White Pelicans and one American Bittern were found dead at RRM, Pelicans all died of suspected H5N1 (Avian Flu) which was confirmed by testing in one case after which NG was advised to dispose of any others found. American Bittern struck a window on parked equipment. Deaths were reported the MECP and ECCC as required. In 2023, monitoring and reporting programs will continue, and the Environmental Department will provide education to staff and site contractors.

Condition 4.1.2

The Proponent shall carry out all phases of the Designated Project in a manner that avoids harming or killing migratory birds, or disturbing, destroying or the taking of nests or eggs, with consideration of guidance provided in: Environment Canada's avoidance guidelines on General Nesting Periods of Migratory Birds in Canada.

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure.

Status: Ongoing

Starting in 2015, members of the Rainy River Mine Environmental Team have been trained by qualified

professionals on conducting bird sweeps and identifying bird species classified as Species at Risk (SAR). During 2022, only 2 bird sweeps were required to be conducted between April and August in construction areas to ensure the absence of nesting birds or species at risk prior to disturbance. The number of bird sweeps has steadily dropped over the years as the Mine reaches its final footprint and planning practices reflect and respect the breeding bird window. In areas where nests are found, appropriate buffers were flagged off around the perimeter of the buffer zone and the nests were monitored on a weekly basis until the nests were abandoned. Buffer zones were established based on input from consulting expertise in conjunction with discussions with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. Furthermore, the clearing of vegetation was prohibited during the breeding bird window. This program will continue in 2023.

Condition 4.2

The Proponent shall, at all times, implement noise reduction measures to control sound levels from machinery to avoid harassing migratory birds.

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure.

Status: Ongoing

Noise reduction measures include: All excessively noisy equipment is housed within the insulated mill building, this includes the SAG and Ball Mills, the Grinding pump, the compressors and the pebble crusher. This is the primary noise reduction measure. The majority of the time the overhead and personnel doors are kept closed on the mill further reducing noise emissions. The crushed ore stockpile is kept as high as practically possible to reduce the velocity of impact, thereby reducing noise emissions. There is a large berm around the mobile crusher to reduce noise. The light vehicles and heavy mobile equipment are all equipped with mufflers to reduce engine exhaust noise.

Condition 4.3

*The Proponent shall install and use site lighting fixtures in a manner that reduces light pollution in the surrounding environment to avoid disturbance to nocturnal species, such as the Common Nighthawk (*Chordeiles minor*).*

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure.

Status: Ongoing

New Gold is continuing to work towards installing more permanent lighting fixtures around the mine to reduce the need for temporary light plants. Light plants are used only in areas where employees are working a night shift or if required for safety purposes. Light plants are designed so that lights can be angled toward the ground. During routine field inspections members of the Rainy River Environmental Department check all lighting fixtures to ensure they are angled appropriately and used only when necessary. Monitoring and consideration to this condition will continue to be implemented as the operation advances.

Condition 4.4

The Proponent shall deter migratory birds from using the tailings management area.

Timing: As applicable.

Status: Ongoing

During the open water season of 2022, the TMA was inspected at least twice daily by mill operators for birds as well as other potential issues. The current protocol is that Mill Operators are to contact the New Gold Environmental Department if birds are identified anywhere on the active TMA. Additional inspections are frequently conducted by the Environmental Department. To date, when birds have been found on the TMA, best efforts to haze them away have been made using certified bird hazing techniques (flares, noise making devices). The Environmental Department is reviewing the current process to see if adjustments are necessary for 2023. An ecological risk assessment may be undertaken to determine what hazards are associated within the TMA for birds.

Condition 4.5

*The Proponent shall provide comparable replacement artificial nesting structures for Barn Swallows (*Hirundo rustica*) prior to the removal of existing nesting structures.*

Timing: Construction and Operations

Status: Ongoing

At the commencement of construction in 2015, four artificial nesting structures were put in place prior to the 2015 breeding season. New Gold has been monitoring the success of these nesting structures

each year since 2015, however, the success has been limited. As the operation advances additional homes and outbuildings will need to be torn down. At that time, the need to develop additional artificial nesting structures will be investigated. If there is found to be an increase in use of artificial nesting structures and competition for nesting habitat is observed, more nesting structures will be built.

Condition 4.6

The Proponent shall monitor migratory birds, breeding activity and mortality, to evaluate the effectiveness of mitigation measures under conditions 4.1 to 4.3. If monitoring demonstrates an inconsistency with those conditions, then document how this has been rectified. Monitoring starts at construction and ceases at the end of the decommissioning phase.

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure

Status: Ongoing

During 2022 the requirement for monitoring activities were restricted to ongoing visual inspections of four artificial barn swallow nesting structures, as per permit. The structures were installed in April 2015. Nesting did not occur within any structure in 2022. Species at Risk monitoring, specifically Eastern-Whip-Poor-Will near site and OB lands surveys, occurred as was reporting during daily operations. Annual monitoring of active Bald Eagle nests occurred in close proximity the RRP site. The nest of Jones Road was not used in 2022 but remained in good repair, the nest south of site was used and one juvenile was observed.

Implementation of a wildlife log of general breeding bird observations at the RRM site by employees (focused on raptors and raptor nests, and SAR species); and in regard to mitigation strategies that are being implemented on the project to assist in monitoring and reduce adverse effects these include:

- Reduction of speed limits on the mine site to reduce vehicle collisions with birds
- Restricting habitat displacement for mine infrastructure to periods outside the breeding bird season (May 1 to August 15).

In order to track mortality New Gold RRM has an onsite reporting system for employees to report any road collisions with birds and wildlife. In 2022, 4 American White Pelicans and one American Bittern were found dead at RRM, Pelicans all died of suspected H5N1 (Avian Flu) which was confirmed by testing in one case after which NG was advised to dispose of any others found. American Bittern struck a window on parked equipment. Deaths were reported the MECP and ECCC as required. In 2023,

monitoring and reporting programs will continue, and the Environmental Department will provide education to staff and site contractors.

Condition 4.7

The Proponent shall monitor use of the tailings management area by migratory birds under condition 4.4 from the start of the operations phase to the end of the decommissioning phase.

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure

Status: Ongoing

During the open water season of 2022, the TMA was inspected for birds daily by mill operators as well as other potential issues. The current protocol is that Mill Operators are to contact the New Gold Environmental Department if birds are identified anywhere on the active TMA. Additional inspections are conducted by the Environmental Department frequently. To date, when birds have been found on the TMA, best efforts to haze them away have been made using certified bird hazing techniques (flares, noise making devices). The Environmental Department is reviewing the current process to see if adjustments are necessary for 2023. An ecological risk assessment may be undertaken to determine what hazards are associated within the TMA for birds.

Condition 4.8

*The Proponent shall monitor the effectiveness of the artificial nesting structures created for Barn Swallows (*Hirundo rustica*).*

Timing: Construction and Operations

Status: Ongoing

The RRM began monitoring barn swallows within the project prior to the construction phase (pre-2015) and implemented four artificial nesting structures in 2015, prior to the breeding season to offset the removal of existing farm structures. Monitoring of the success of the nesting structures has been completed over the past five years. 2016 was the first year that nesting attempts occurred in any of the structures; all structures went unused in 2017 and 2018. During 2019 two nesting attempts were made and one nest had two eggs laid in it. The eggs were later found to be missing and assumed to have been eaten by a predator. In 2020, 2021, and 2022, no nesting attempts were made in any of the structures.

Condition 5 Health of Aboriginal Peoples

Condition 5.1.1

The Proponent shall, during the construction, operations, and decommissioning phases of the Designated Project, control exceedances of the Canadian Ambient Air Quality Standards and meet air quality requirements established by Ontario at the nearest human receptor by: implementing fugitive dust best management practices.

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure

Status: Ongoing

During 2022, RRM followed practices described in the Fugitive Dust Best Management Practices Plan approved by the MECP in 2016. There were applications of Calcium Chloride to haul roads and light vehicle roads maintained by RRM during 2022. Water was also used to suppress dust on roads.

There are spray bars on mobile aggregate crushers, dust control curtains on production drills and dust cyclones on development drills. Rock faces were also sprayed with water in the open pit prior to being excavated. Ore loads were also being sprayed prior to being dumped at the primary crusher to help mitigate dust. The primary crusher and conveyor system utilizes water in the summer months, baghouses and a chemical spray system to control dust. In the mill processing area, dust is controlled by a system of baghouses, and specialized dust control equipment. Dust curtains were added to control dust at the stockpile in 2022.

In 2022, there were 12 applications of calcium chloride on the roads maintained by RRM as shown in Table 3.

Table 3. Calcium chloride application on roads at RRM in 2022

Date	Location	Quantity (Liters)
6-June-2022	TMA	64000
7-June-2022	TMA	32000
9-June-2022	Mine Ops	64000
10-June-2022	Mine Ops	64000
28-June-2022	TMA	32000

4-July-2022	Site Services	64000
21-July-2022	TMA	64000
22-July-2022	TMA	64000
4-August-2022	Site Services	64000
29-August-2022	Site Services	32000
31-August-2022	Site Services	44000
1-September-2022	Site Services	32000

Condition 5.1.2

The Proponent shall, during the construction, operations, and decommissioning phases of the Designated Project, control exceedances of the Canadian Ambient Air Quality Standards and meet air quality requirements established by Ontario at the nearest human receptor by: maintaining site roadways to control silt loading.

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure

Status: Ongoing

In 2022, there were 12 applications of calcium chloride on the roads maintained by RRM, as shown in Table 3. Speeds are restricted to 60 km on all site access roads and 50 km to 20 km on internal site roads. Commercial traffic enters the site along East Access or Teeple Road. RRM Site Services regularly grade and place crush material on all site roads. Off-road activities are restricted on the RRM site. Construction of rock access roads is a common practice where heavy equipment is required.

Condition 5.1.3

The Proponent shall, during the construction, operations, and decommissioning phases of the Designated Project, control exceedances of the Canadian Ambient Air Quality Standards and meet air quality requirements established by Ontario at the nearest human receptor by: using water sprays at the crusher and at active stockpiles.

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure

Status: Ongoing

The primary crusher is equipped with a baghouse system to manage dust generated during the crushing process. Water and chemical dust suppression systems incorporating spray bars are installed at the primary crusher.

Condition 5.1.4

The Proponent shall, during the construction, operations, and decommissioning phases of the Designated Project, control exceedances of the Canadian Ambient Air Quality Standards and meet air quality requirements established by Ontario at the nearest human receptor by: using dust control equipment.

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure

Status: Ongoing

During the early operations phase, the same dust control equipment utilized in 2017 continued into 2022. This included water trucks equipped with spray bars for road dust suppression, spray bars on mobile aggregate crushers, dust control curtains on production drills and dust cyclones on development drills.

The primary crusher and conveyor system utilizes baghouses and a chemical spray system to control dust. In the mill processing area, dust is controlled by a system of baghouses, and specialized dust control equipment. Conveyor 11 discharge was retrofitted with a dust curtain to control dust generation at the course ore stockpile in 2022.

Condition 5.1.5

The Proponent shall, during the construction, operations, and decommissioning phases of the Designated Project, control exceedances of the Canadian Ambient Air Quality Standards and meet air quality requirements established by Ontario at the nearest human receptor by: using low-Sulphur diesel equipment and using pollution control equipment on mobile heavy equipment and meeting the Canadian Environmental Protection Act for the emissions from this equipment and vehicles.

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure

Status: Ongoing

Equipment purchased during 2022 followed the same purchasing standards as set out in 2017, including low-Sulfur diesel equipment.

Pollution control equipment is installed on mobile heavy equipment that meets the Canadian Environmental Protection Act for the emissions from equipment and vehicles.

An air quality monitoring station was installed near the maintenance shop that is routinely monitored and produces live data to ensure air quality exceedances are recorded.

Condition 5.1.6

The Proponent shall, during the construction, operations, and decommissioning phases of the Designated Project, control exceedances of the Canadian Ambient Air Quality Standards and meet air quality requirements established by Ontario at the nearest human receptor by: revegetating disturbed areas in a manner that minimizes all exposed dust sources.

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure

Status: Ongoing

Revegetating disturbed areas to minimize exposed dust sources was performed around the mine site and Tait Quarry during construction and operations. There were no areas revegetated in 2022 as limited Progressive Reclamation occurred due to additional construction support required to complete the TMA dam raise. Tree clearing and vegetation disturbance is limited to the extent required. Where possible, forest and vegetation buffers are maintained on site. In the EMRS, 1.6 ha was covered, with revegetation efforts planned for 2023.

Condition 5.2

The Proponent shall monitor air quality to evaluate the effectiveness of mitigation measures under condition 5.1. Monitoring starts with construction and ceases at the commencement of the decommissioning phase.

Timing: Construction and Operations

Status: Ongoing

The ambient air quality monitoring program continued in 2022 with monitoring of relevant air emissions

parameters stipulated in the Rainy River Project Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Plan in compliance of ECA 0412-A2LR4V condition 10.1. Air Quality Monitoring Reports for each quarter of 2022 can be found in the supporting documentation under Appendix E.

Condition 5.2.1

The Proponent shall alert the Aboriginal groups in cases of exceedances of the Canadian Ambient Air Quality Standards and air quality requirements established by Ontario at the nearest human receptor.

Timing: Construction and Operations

Status: Ongoing

New Gold RRM continues to communicate with Aboriginal communities regarding provincial health-based criteria. Aboriginal Communities continue to receive a weekly email detailing any spill, exceedance or complaint that occurred during the previous week. Additional information is provided on request. Copies of these weekly reports can be located under supporting document (Appendix F).

Condition 5.3

The Proponent shall monitor wells located within the open pit dewatering zone of influence, used by Aboriginal groups for drinking water, for water quality and quantity. Monitoring starts with construction and ceases after the first 10 years of the decommissioning phase.

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure

Status: Ongoing

Through the consultation phase and up to the end of 2021, New Gold has not been informed of the locations of any wells utilized by Aboriginal groups within the proximity of the open pit dewatering zone of influence.

In 2017, New Gold implemented an Offsite groundwater sampling program for neighbouring property owners surrounding RRM. To date there have been no issues reported to New Gold regarding wells from any of the neighboring property owners (Appendix P).

Condition 5.3.1

The Proponent shall alert Aboriginal groups who use wells located within the open pit dewatering zone of influence for drinking water in cases of exceedance of water quality standards established by Ontario. The Proponent shall alert these Aboriginal groups as soon as possible once any exceedance is detected.

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure

Status: Ongoing

To date New Gold has not been informed of any wells used by Aboriginal groups within the Open Pit zone of influence.

Condition 5.4

*The Proponent shall monitor key contaminants, including mercury, arsenic, cadmium and lead, for their concentrations in Northern Pike (*Esox lucius*) and Walleye (*Sander vitreus*) in the Pinewood River. Monitoring starts with construction and ceases 10 years after the start of the decommissioning phase.*

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure

Status: Ongoing

Large body fish tissue sampling did not occur in 2022 as it is meant to occur concurrent with MDMER and EEM sampling programs. Next year sampling will occur in 2023.

Condition 5.4.1

The Proponent shall alert the Aboriginal groups in cases of exceedance of provincial, federal or international health-based criteria. The Proponent shall alert these Aboriginal groups as soon as possible once any exceedance is detected.

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure

Status: Ongoing

New Gold RRM continues to communicate with Aboriginal communities regarding provincial health-based criteria. Aboriginal Communities continue to receive a weekly email detailing any spill, exceedance or complaint that occurred during the previous week. Additional information is provided on request. Copies of these weekly reports can be located under supporting document (Appendix F).

Condition 5.5

The proponent shall consult with the Aboriginal groups on the implementation of conditions 5.2, 5.3 and 5.4.

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure

Status: Ongoing

During the Environmental Assessment permitting phase of the New Gold Rainy River Mine, Aboriginal Communities were consulted regarding the project and potential impacts related to conditions 5.2 to (air, fish, water quality). Since the approval of the EA, New Gold has continued Aboriginal Community involvement by;

- Establishing Environmental Monitoring Boards in 2016. The purpose of these meetings is to ensure community members are engaged in environmental aspects of the project. Some topics that are discussed include;
 - environmental monitoring results (i.e.; air quality, wildlife monitoring, deer tissue sampling programs, fish tissue sampling programs), exceedances or environmental spills, project design (tailings management, reclamation), and upcoming permitting applications.
- Conducting on-site tours and discussing fish salvage programs, water quality sampling protocols and sampling results and other environmental monitoring requirements.
- Providing email notifications to Indigenous Communities regarding environmental exceedances (air, water and environmental spills).
- Two virtual lunch and learns were held for EMB and JIC members
- Inviting First Nation members to participate in fish tissue sampling programs and fish salvage programs.

Condition 6 Current use of Lands and Resources for Traditional Purposes

Condition 6.1

The Proponent shall provide access to private lands to Aboriginal groups for their current use of land, including hunting and plant harvesting.

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure

Status: Ongoing

New Gold provides access to private lands where it is safe to do so. On a regular basis, New Gold also provides site tours of the mine site to community members.

Condition 6.2

Current use of Lands and Resources for Traditional Purposes: The Proponent shall avoid use of herbicides along the transmission line corridor unless required to prevent fire hazards. The Proponent shall minimize the removal of non-woody vegetation within the transmission line corridor.

Timing: Construction and Operations.

Status: Ongoing

Over the life of the mine, the line will be inspected and if necessary, vegetation that would impact the line may need to be managed. The use of herbicide for vegetation management is not intended. During 2022, limited mechanical vegetation management occurred along the line.

Condition 6.3

The Proponent shall, throughout all phases of the Designated Project, undertake progressive habitat restoration as per any requirements set by Ontario in the Mine Closure Plan for the Designated Project. Habitat restoration shall include:

Condition 6.3.1

A consideration of habitat types that support a diversity of wildlife species and traditional uses by Aboriginal peoples, including ungulates and furbearers, as well as native plant species previously collected at the Project Site for food and medicinal purposes;

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure.

Status: Ongoing

During 2021, native seeds and plant species were used in areas where re-vegetation occurred. Final planting on the Vegetation Plots was completed in Fall 2020. Determination of plants used on the vegetation plot was decided through community information sessions, regulatory requirements, and site requirements. These plots will be used to test different plant and tree species with an array of surface treatments. Traditional Knowledge sessions began in 2018 with Elders and members of First Nation communities to determine the different traditional plant species that could be used for ongoing reclamation and at closure at RRM site. See Vegetation Trial Summary in Appendix G for more information.

In 2022, only 1.6 ha of closure cover occurred at EMRS with vegetation efforts planned for 2023.

Condition 6.3.2

The Proponent shall, throughout all phases of the Designated Project, undertake progressive habitat restoration as per any requirements set by Ontario in the Mine Closure Plan for the Designated Project. Habitat restoration shall include: separating and stockpiling removed organic rich material during construction (of open pit and during tailings dam stripping) for use to support revegetation and other reclamation activities.

Timing: Construction and Operations.

Status: Ongoing

During construction activities, organic rich material was separated and stockpiled in designated areas for use in revegetation and other reclamation activities. In 2020, organic rich material was salvaged during development of areas within the East Mine Rock Stockpile, West Mine Rock Stockpile and TMA. In 2022, additional organic rich material was reclaimed from clay borrow development in the TMA and stored in the north TMA stockpiles.

Condition 6.4

The Proponent shall monitor habitat restoration to verify the success of revegetation efforts. Monitoring starts with construction and ends once habitat has been restored and proven effective.

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure.

Status: Ongoing

In the early stages of the Rainy River Mine, the largest construction undertaking that has seen the most reclamation is the creation of four man-made diversions to re-route former water systems known as the West Creek, Clark Creek and Teeple Drain. Construction of these diversion structures referred to as the West Creek, Stockpile, Clark Creek and Teeple Diversions commenced in 2015 with commissioning beginning in late 2016 and mid-2017. As part of the Fisheries and Oceans Canada approval process for these structures, New Gold is required to complete an annual monitoring report of the fisheries, fish habitat and compensation of these structures. See 2021 Offset and Compensation Plan Monitoring Reports in Appendix D for more information.

Planting of the Vegetation Trial was completed in 2020 and underwent monitoring of vegetation establishment success in 2022. This information and additional annual monitoring will help inform further reclamation effort. Only 1.6 ha of closure cover was placed in 2022 with vegetation efforts planned for 2023.

Condition 6.5

The Proponent shall restore access to the Project Site for the Aboriginal groups during the decommissioning phase, to the extent that such access is safe, for their traditional purposes.

Timing: Closure

Status: This condition is not applicable in 2022.

This condition is not relevant to the current operations phase of the project.

Condition 6.6

The proponent shall consult with the Aboriginal groups on the implementation of conditions 6.1, 6.4 and 6.5.

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure.

Status Update: Ongoing

Through negotiated agreements and in the Rainy River Project Indigenous Consultation Plan, New Gold has engaged Indigenous groups on accessing New Gold property. Any available updates on habitat restoration and the success of revegetation efforts are provided at Environmental Monitoring Board meetings or site tours. There were few site tours in 2022 with easing restrictions on COVID.

Condition 7 Aboriginal Archaeological Heritage and Cultural Resources

Condition 7.1.1

The Proponent shall, for all phases of the Designated Project: avoid known culturally significant sites.

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure

Status Update: Ongoing

Culturally significant sites were avoided in 2022.

Condition 7.1.2

The Proponent shall, for all phases of the Designated Project: assess additional culturally significant sites, if discovered.

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure

Status Update: Ongoing

No culturally significant sites were identified in 2022.

Condition 7.1.3

The Proponent shall, for all phases of the Designated Project: establish a procedure for Aboriginal

groups to safely access the Project Site for cultural and ceremonial purposes.

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure

Status Update: Ongoing

A formal procedure was identified in Section 4.0 of the Aboriginal Consultation Plan (Provincial Environmental Assessment, Notice of Approval Condition 9) and issued to MOECC on February 9, 2015. In 2018, revisions were made to the document name, contact information and updates made in response to MECP comments. The current version of the Indigenous Consultation Plan was issued to MECP on July 30, 2018.

Condition 7.1.4

The Proponent shall, for all phases of the Designated Project: preserve any discovered burial sites.

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure

Status Update: Ongoing

No burial sites were discovered in 2022.

Condition 7.1.5

The Proponent shall, for all phases of the Designated Project: salvage and preserve any artifacts that cannot be maintained in-situ.

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure

Status Update: Ongoing

Northwest Archaeological Assessments under the guidance of qualified archaeologist Andrew Hinshelwood, completed analysis and cataloguing of artifacts discovered during the 2018 Stage 4 excavation on the southwestern edge of the mine site. During 2019, preliminary reports for both excavation sites plus the final report for the smaller excavation site, were submitted to the Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) - Archaeological Programs Unit, for review and acceptance into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports. The final report for the larger

excavation site has been completed and submitted to the MTCS in 2020. Upon acceptance of both final reports by the MTCS, arrangements will be made with Aboriginal people to transfer the artifacts to appropriate facilities.

Condition 7.1.6

The Proponent shall, for all phases of the Designated Project: transfer artifacts in condition 7.1.5 to a facility identified by Aboriginal groups, in consultation with the Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport.

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure

Status: Ongoing

Artifacts will be transferred from the archaeologist once the reports for MTCS are complete and consultation with Indigenous groups regarding the artifacts is complete. No artifacts were transferred in 2022.

Condition 7.2

The proponent shall consult with the Aboriginal groups on the implementation of condition 7.1.

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure

Status: Ongoing

No additional cultural sites were identified in 2022. Throughout the Environmental Assessment process, New Gold had engaged Aboriginal groups on previously identified cultural sites.

Condition 8 Subsection 5(2) effects related to components of the Designated Project that may be associated with federal authorizations

Condition 8.1.1

The proponent shall, in implementing condition 3.7, take measures to avoid or lessen adverse effects: on migratory birds and their habitats.

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure

Status: Ongoing

In order to lessen adverse effects on migratory birds and their habitats New Gold has implemented the following activities during the first year of construction (2015) and continued to carry these tasks through 2022.

- Establishment of compensation-related habitat and a monitoring and maintenance plan has been initiated (barn swallow nesting boxes and compensation lands);
- New Gold RRM is aware and has taken extra care with regards to the potential for effects on migratory birds during nesting periods. All employees receive Species at Risk training and information regarding nesting birds and the migratory bird act during site orientation. Frequent site wide information bulletins are also shared;
- 2 bird sweeps occurred in 2022 as a precautionary measure to ensure birds were not nesting in proposed areas for construction. A bird sweep is a method of walking a grid system in a proposed construction work zone to ensure that no birds are nesting in the area prior to the commencement of work. A sweep is valid for 72 hours;
- Mitigation measures used to deter birds from nesting in construction zones or landing on the Tailings Management Area include; deterrent cannons, netting over uninstalled pipes, culverts and openings.
- No tree clearing occurred during the breeding bird window (April 15th to August 15th).

- Monitoring of the success of the diversion structures and fish habitat compensation will be monitored over the next several years as part of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Authorization. In the event that maintenance activities are required this condition will be reviewed for appropriate mitigation strategies.

Condition 8.1.2

The proponent shall, in implementing condition 3.7, take measures to avoid or lessen adverse effects: on terrestrial species, including amphibians and reptiles, and their habitats.

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure

Status: Ongoing

The construction of DFO and MDMER compensation and offsetting habitat including the West Creek, Clark Creek, Stockpile Pond and Teeple Pond systems, began in 2015 and was completed in 2018. These structures were intended to provide habitat connectivity for fish and wildlife including SAR and other wildlife as well as to direct clean water away from mining activities, thus reducing or mitigating impact to all wildlife and their habitat. Another consideration was the location of these structures. Generally due to topographical reasons, ponds were constructed in low areas and diversions were kept away from high activity mining areas. These considerations help promote use by wildlife including SAR and work around these areas is limited or restricted when possible. Another consideration was whether the habitat being disturbed could be considered critical habitat for SAR. During the EA process, the mine site was not determined to have suitable habitat for bat roosting or denning of American Badger. No amphibian SAR are known to inhabit the geographical area of the mine site. The Snapping turtle, a reptile, is known to exist within the Rainy River district. Potentially, snapping turtles would benefit from the DFO/MDMER compensation/offset structures due to the connectivity they promote. Also, the creation and stewardship of these structures would provide suitable replacement habitat to most habitat types that may have been lost as it is designed to mimic the habitat that existed prior to the mine construction.

Condition 8.1.3

The proponent shall, in implementing condition 3.7, take measures to avoid or lessen adverse effects: On species at risk (SAR) and their habitats.

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure

Status: Ongoing

The construction of DFO and MDMER compensation and offsetting habitat including the West Creek, Clark Creek, Stockpile Pond and Teeple Pond systems, began in 2015 and was completed in 2018. These structures were intended to provide habitat connectivity for fish and wildlife including SAR as well as to direct clean water away from mining activities. Thus, reducing or mitigating impact to SAR and their habitat. Another consideration was the location of these structures. Generally, due to topographical reasons, ponds were constructed in low areas and diversions were kept away from high activity mining areas. These considerations help promote use by wildlife including SAR and work around these areas is limited or restricted when possible. Another consideration was whether the habitat being disturbed could be considered critical habitat for SAR. During the EA process, the mine site was not determined to have suitable habitat for bat roosting or denning of American Badger. No amphibian SAR are known to inhabit the geographical area of the mine site. The Snapping turtle, a reptile, is known to exist within the Rainy River district. Potentially, Snapping turtles would benefit from the DFO/MDMER compensation/offset structures due to the connectivity they promote. Additionally, the pond portions of these structures would provide suitable replacement habitat to any that may have been lost.

Condition 8.1.4

The proponent shall, in implementing condition 3.7 (The Proponent shall both offset any residual serious harm to fish in accordance with subsection 35(2) of the Fisheries Act and associated regulations, and compensate for the loss of fish habitat resulting from the deposition of a deleterious substance into a tailings impoundment area in accordance with the MMER, by recreating fish habitat in the West Creek Diversion Channel, West Creek Pond, Stockpile, etc.) take measures to avoid or lessen adverse effects: on current use of lands and resources for traditional purposes by Aboriginal peoples.

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure

Status: Ongoing

The construction of fish habitat compensation to offset the impact of the Tailings Management Area (TMA) started in 2015 and was completed in 2017. The man-made ponds (4) and creek diversion systems contained fish habitat features suitable to existing fish species presence (minnows) and native

plant species consistent to what was naturally present on site. The construction of these features and loss of habitat associated with the construction of the TMA was shared with communities through the Environmental Assessment Permitting Phase as part of Public and Aboriginal Consultation. All project design components related to compensation and reclamation were developed to reflect available Traditional Knowledge, naturally occurring features and previous land use considerations.

Condition 8.1.5

The proponent shall, in implementing condition 3.7, take measures to avoid or lessen adverse effects: on sites of cultural significance to Aboriginal peoples.

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure

Status: Ongoing

Creation of fisheries compensation related habitat initiated during 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 (completed) did not impact any identified sites of cultural significances to Aboriginal peoples. Previous archeological assessments of the New Gold Rainy River Project property included Stage 1 through 4 assessments and excavation.

Condition 8.1.6

The proponent shall, in implementing condition 3.7, take measures to avoid or lessen adverse effects: from potential sources of contamination (e.g. mercury, arsenic, cadmium and lead).

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure

Status: Ongoing

The design and construction of the fisheries compensation features were created in a manner to reflect natural systems that will not be impacted by mine waste water that could be a potential source of contamination. No acid generating rock was used in the creation of rock features. Additionally, New Gold monitors internal water management systems for water quality purposes. If discharge to the environment is required, the water is sampled per ECA and MDMER requirements before and during discharge.

Condition 8.2

The Proponent shall, in implementing condition 6.3, take into consideration the habitat needs of species at risk consistent with final recovery strategies or action plans, or alternatively, rely on best available information where recovery plans or action plans for the species are not yet completed for the species at risk.

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure

Status: Ongoing

In 2018 New Gold completed the reclamation of the former Tait Quarry which operated between 2015 and 2017 to provide material for the construction of Highway 600. Through discussions with the MNRF in 2013 and 2014, it was decided that Tait Quarry would be reclaimed to Eastern Whip-poor-will habitat similar to that found in the gravel pit on Roen Road. Prior to its' development, Tait Quarry was not considered to be suitable habitat for Whip-poor-wills, which are a Species at Risk in the Rainy River District.

Future reclamation projects will take into consideration action plans for other SAR known to inhabit areas close to the mine. Compensation and offsetting habitat such as those required under the mine's DFO conditions were built with the intent that Snapping turtles and White Pelicans would use them as well as Bald Eagles. In 2019, New Gold facilitated 12 Traditional Knowledge meetings, one with each interested First Nation community stakeholder. The intent of these meetings was to learn what species FN communities would like New Gold to focus on encouraging to return to the mine site post closure. New Gold RRM considered Species at Risk and the potential for habitat creation in site restoration activities to date, including in accordance with their Provincial Endangered Species Act permit. Species at Risk sightings and EWPW monitoring was conducted and reported in 2022 to MECP and is attached as Appendix H.

Condition 8.3 - Completed

*The Proponent shall provide about 1400 hectares of private land as habitat for Eastern Whip poor-will (*Antrostomus vociferous*) and Bobolink (*Dolichonyx oryzivorus*).*

Timing: Construction

Status: Complete

Prior to project development, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) determined that 18 identified Eastern Whip-poor-will breeding territories could potentially be affected by the project's development and that 348 ha of Bobolink habitat could potentially be impacted by the project. Based on this information, New Gold obtained 1468.3 ha of lands to provide Eastern Whip-poor-will breeding territories and 348 ha of field habitat suitable for Bobolink breeding territories, to offset the loss of habitat.

Condition 8.4

The Proponent shall monitor the effectiveness of the habitat in condition 8.3.

Timing: Construction and Operations

Status: Ongoing

The RRM owns and monitors over 1800 ha of overall benefit land and are following the monitoring plan described in the Endangered Species Act permit (Appendix H)

Condition 8.5.1

The Proponent shall: maintain a fence around the tailings management area to prevent access by wildlife.

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure

Status: Ongoing

By the spring of 2019 a 14 km wildlife exclusion fence had been erected that encompasses the footprint of the TMA, WDP and WMP. The Wildlife Exclusion Fence is monitored at a minimum once a month.

Condition 8.5.2

*The Proponent shall: implement measures to prevent Snapping Turtles (*Chelydra serpentina*) from entering the following components of the Designated Project: tailings management area (TMA), water management pond (WMP), water discharge pond (WDP), constructed wetland, overburden pile, west mine rock pile and sediment ponds 1 and 2.*

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure

Status: Ongoing

- **8.5.2.1 – Tailings Management Area**

By the spring of 2019 a 14 km wildlife exclusion fence was erected that encompasses the footprint of the TMA, WDP and WMP. One Snapping turtle was observed in near the Marr gate along the Wildlife Exclusion Fence and was relocated to safety in 2022, and none were observed within the TMA, WDP or WMP in 2022.

- **8.5.2.2 - Water Management Pond**

- By the spring of 2019 a 14 km wildlife exclusion fence was erected that encompasses the footprint of the TMA, WDP and WMP. One Snapping turtle was observed in near the Marr gate along the Wildlife Exclusion Fence and was relocated to safety in 2022, and none were observed within the TMA, WDP or WMP in 2022.

- **8.5.2.3 Water Discharge Pond**

- By the spring of 2019 a 14 km wildlife exclusion fence was erected that encompasses the footprint of the TMA, WDP and WMP. One Snapping turtle was observed in near the Marr gate along the Wildlife Exclusion Fence and was relocated to safety in 2022, and none were observed within the TMA, WDP or WMP in 2022.

- **8.5.2.4 Constructed Wetland:**

Constructed wetland will be built as part of mine closure and does not exist at this time.

- **8.5.2.5 Overburden Pile**

Ditching is built with steep banks around the overburden stockpile to ensure turtles do not enter the overburden dump and pipelines are installed in/around these ditches that will direct them away from the area. No snapping turtles were observed in or around the overburden stockpile in 2022.

- **8.5.2.6 West Mine Rock Pile**

In 2019 ditching around the area was complete. The ditching is built with steep banks to ensure turtles do not enter the stockpile area and pipelines are installed in/around these ditches that will direct them away from the area. No turtles were observed in the area in the 2022.

- **8.5.2.7 Sediment Ponds 1 & 2**

Sediment ponds 1 and 2 were completed in 2018. During construction of these ponds, no snapping turtles were observed. The banks of the ponds are rock armored and geotechnical

fabric lined so turtles are discouraged from burrowing into them or climbing over them. No turtles were seen within these ponds during 2022.

Condition 9 Accidents or Malfunctions

Condition 9.1.1

In the event of an accident or malfunction with the potential to cause adverse environmental effects, the Proponent shall; Notify the Agency and other relevant regulatory agencies of the occurrence as soon as possible.

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure

Status: Ongoing

In the event of an accident or malfunction with the potential to cause adverse environmental effects, New Gold Rainy River Mine has implemented a standard operating procedure for spill reporting and an emergency preparedness and response plan that obligates notification to the Agency and other relevant regulatory agencies of an occurrence as soon as possible.

Condition 9.1.2

In the event of an accident or malfunction with the potential to cause adverse environmental effects, the Proponent shall: implement measures to minimize any adverse environmental effects associated with the occurrence as soon as possible.

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure

Status: Ongoing

In the event of an accident or malfunction with potential to cause adverse environmental effects, New Gold has implemented a site wide spill reporting procedure. The objective of this procedure is to implement measures to control and minimize adverse environmental effects associated with the event. This reporting procedure incorporates the site-wide emergency preparedness and response plan, if necessary.

Condition 9.1.3

In the event of an accident or malfunction with the potential to cause adverse environmental effects, the Proponent shall: submit a written report to the Agency as soon as possible in the circumstances, but at the latest 30 days after the day on which the accident or malfunction took place; the written report must include:

- *The measures that were taken to mitigate the effects of the occurrence.*
- *If an emergency response plan was implemented, details concerning its implementation.*
- *Changes made to avoid a subsequent occurrence of the accident or malfunction.*

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure, within 30 days of incident

Status: Ongoing

In the event of an accident or malfunction with the potential to cause adverse environmental effects, New Gold shall follow the site wide spill reporting procedure and ECA#3855-C4E3FF condition 12(4) which includes providing a written report detailing mitigation measures and changes made to avoid a reoccurrence. A copy of the report will be submitted to the Agency within 10 working days of the event as per ECA #3855-C4E3FF condition 12(4). A copy of the Site Wide Spill Reporting and Response Procedure (ENV-SOP-0001), the Environmental Department Spill Reporting Procedure (ENV-SOP-0002) and Contractor Spill Reporting and Response Procedure (ENV-SOP-0007) can be found in Appendix I.

Condition 10 Implementation Schedule

Condition 10.1 – Completed February 3, 2015

The Proponent shall submit an implementation schedule for conditions contained within this Decision Statement to the Agency, or anyone designated pursuant to s. 89 of CEAA 2012, 15 days prior to construction.

Timing: 15 days prior to construction

Status: Complete

Condition 10.2

The Proponent shall submit an update to this implementation schedule in writing to the Agency, or anyone designated pursuant to s. 89 of CEAA 2012, every two years on March 31, starting the year following the date of the initial submission of the implementation schedule until completion of the activities.

Timing: Every two years starting March 31, 2016

Status: Ongoing

The implementation schedule is updated annually and has become established as part of the Annual Compliance Report submitted every March to the Agencies and Indigenous Communities.

Condition 10.3

The Proponent shall provide the Agency, or anyone designated pursuant to s. 89 of CEAA 2012, with notice of any implementation schedule changes from the initial schedule or any subsequent updates 30 days prior to the implementation of the change.

Timing: 30 days prior to implementation

Status: Ongoing

An updated Implementation Schedule has been provided for 2022 Annual Compliance Report and can be found within each of the 10 previous conditions status update.

Condition 11 Record Keeping

Condition 11.1

The Proponent shall record, retain and make available to the Agency, or anyone designated pursuant to s. 89 of CEAA 2012, upon demand, at a facility close to the Designated Project area (local facility), information related to the implementation of the conditions of this Decision Statement, including:

11.1.1 The results of all monitoring, including:

11.1.2 The place, date and time of any sampling;

11.1.3 *The dates and the analyses that were performed;*

11.1.4 *The analytical techniques, methods or procedures used in the analyses;*

11.1.5 *The names of the persons who collected and analyzed each sample and documentation of any professional certifications relevant to the work performed that they might possess; and*

11.1.6 *The results of the analyses.*

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure.

Status: Ongoing

Records are being kept by all applicable departments.

Condition 11.2

The proponent shall retain and make available upon demand to the Agency, or anyone designated pursuant to s. 89 of CEAA 2012, the information contained in Condition 11.1 for a minimum of twenty-five years or until decommission ends, whichever is longer, unless otherwise specified, at a facility close to the Designated Project area (or at a location within Canada and agreed upon by the Agency, should the local facility no longer be maintained).

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure. Timing set by Condition 11.

Status: Ongoing

Records are maintained and made available by the applicable department.

Revision history

March 2022:

- Added a section in March 2021 in the Environmental Management System that challenges conditions or commitments.

March 2021:

- Implementation Schedule is incorporated into the Commitment Registry of Federal Commitments.

March 2019:

- 2019-03-31, condition 2.2: referenced latest Aboriginal Consultation Plan and added that Government comments may change consultation manner.
- 2019-03-31, condition 3.2.4: added Post-operations to timing, added Constructed Wetlands structure will stay in place through closure for TMA passive discharge.
- 2019-03-31, condition 5.3, 5.3.1: Noted that there are no drinking water wells within the Zone of Influence (ZOI).

September 2017:

- 2017-09-06, condition 2.2 revised timing to all phases, consultation manner confirmed first but changes to consultation manner may occur, based on feedback from Aboriginal Groups
- 2017-09-06, condition 3.2.4 revise timing to operations to reflect the change in timing of wetland construction
- 2017-09-06, various, changed tense for conditions completed during the construction phase e.g., 3.2.5, 3.4, 3.5, 3.7
- 2017-09-06, condition 3.6 extend timing to include all project phases when pumping from fish bearing waters may occur
- 2017-09-06, condition 3.8.4 extend timing to include all project phases when rock is handled
- 2017-09-06, condition 8.5.2 changed rationale to tie condition timing to construction timing
- 2017-09-06, condition 5.5, 6.6 and 7.1.4 updated timing to reflect completed date – no change in timing occurring throughout all project phases

SECTION 4

NEW GOLD RAINY RIVER MINE COMMITMENT REGISTRY PROVINCIAL COMMITMENTS



Figure 22. Pinewood River, October 4, 2022

Prov EA Condition 3 Public Record

Condition 3.1

Where a document, plan or report is required to be submitted to the Ministry, the Proponent shall provide two copies of the final document, plan or report to the Director: a copy for filing in the specific public record file maintained for the Undertaking, and a copy for use by Ministry staff.

To date, New Gold has provided two copies of reports and documentation to the Ministry and has submitted required information in the requested format by the Ministry.

Condition 3.2

The Proponent shall provide additional copies of the documents required for the public record file to the following for access by the public: a) Regional Director, b) District Manager and c) New Gold Inc. office in Emo, Ontario.

The conditions of this commitment have been met. All copies have been submitted by March 31st, 2023.

Condition 3.3

The EAB file number EA 05-09-02 and EAIMS file number 13102 shall be quoted on all documents submitted by the Proponent pursuant to condition 3.1 of this Notice of Approval.

The EAB file number EA 05-09-02 and EAIMS file number 13102 is found on the Annual Compliance Report.

Condition 3.4

Without detracting from the foregoing Public Record conditions, the proponent may also provide these documents through other means, as considered appropriate by the Proponent.

The 2022 Annual Compliance Report is made available on the company website. A hard copy can be viewed at the New Gold office in Emo. Additional reports, supporting documentation and environmental information can be made available by request, from the New Gold Environmental Department.

Condition 4.1 – Completed November 12, 2015

The Proponent shall post the Errata document dated December 15, 2014 on the Proponent's project website. The Proponent shall update the Summary of the Environmental Assessment Report to reflect the addition of the Errata and to itemize what sections of the Environmental Assessment Report have been impacted by it and shall post the updated Summary on the website. The Proponent shall update the Table of Contents of the Environmental Assessment Report to reflect that the Errata is included as part of Volume 2 of the Environmental Assessment Report and shall post the updated Table of Contents on the website.

Prov EA Condition 5 Compliance Monitoring Program

Condition 5.1 – Completed February 9, 2015

The Proponent shall prepare and submit to the Director, for the public record, an Environmental Assessment Compliance Monitoring Program (CMP).

Condition 5.2 – Completed February 9, 2015

The CMP shall be submitted 30 days before the Start of Construction or such other date as agreed to in writing by the Director.

Condition 5.3 – Completed February 9, 2015

The CMP shall describe how the Proponent will monitor its fulfilment of: 1) the provisions of the Environmental Assessment pertaining to mitigation measures, public consultation, and additional studies and work to be carried out; 2) all other commitments made by the Proponent during the Environmental Assessment process including the Commitments Registry as contained in the Errata dated December 15, 2014; and 3) the conditions included in this Notice of Approval.

Condition 5.4 – Completed February 9, 2015

The CMP must contain an implementation schedule for construction, operations and closure, as well as monitoring during construction, operations and closure.

Condition 5.5 – Completed February 9, 2015

When the Proponent submits the CMP to the Director, the Proponent shall append a statement indicating that the CMP is intended to fulfil condition 5 of this Notice of Approval.

Condition 5.6

The Director may require the Proponent to amend the CMP at any time. Should an amendment be required, the Director will notify the Proponent, in writing, of the required amendment and the date by which the Proponent must complete the amendment and submit it to the Director.

During 2022 there were no requests for New Gold to amend the Compliance Monitoring Plan

Condition 5.7

The Proponent shall carry out the CMP, as it may be amended by the Director.

During 2022 there were no requests made for New Gold to amend the Compliance Monitoring Plan.

Condition 5.8

The Proponent shall make the documentation pertaining to the CMP available to the Ministry or designate upon request, in a timely manner, when so requested by the Ministry during an on-site inspection, audit, response to a pollution incident report or when information concerning compliance is requested by the Ministry.

There were no requests made in 2022.

Prov EA Condition 6 Compliance Reporting

Condition 6.1

The Proponent shall prepare an annual Compliance Report which describes its compliance with the conditions of approval set out in this Notice of Approval, and which describes the results of the Proponent's Environmental Assessment CMP required by Condition 5 of this Notice of Approval.

This section forms part of the 2022 Annual Compliance Report and describes compliance with the conditions of the approval.

Condition 6.2 – Completed March 31, 2016

The first annual Compliance Report shall be submitted to the Director, for the public record, within one year from the Start of Construction and shall cover all activities of the previous 12-month period.

Condition 6.3 – Completed annually on March 31

Subsequent Compliance Reports shall be submitted to the Director, for the public record, on or before the anniversary of the Start of Construction each year thereafter. Each Compliance Report shall cover all activities of the previous 12-month period.

Condition 6.4

Once all conditions in this Notice of Approval have been satisfied, or have been incorporated into any other provincial approval, the Proponent shall indicate in its annual Compliance Report that the Compliance Report is its final Compliance Report, and that all conditions in this Notice of Approval have been satisfied. The Director may also vary the time at which the Proponent is to provide its final Compliance Report, and state this in writing to the Proponent. The terms of this condition are understood and not applicable to the 2020 report.

Condition 6.5

The Proponent shall retain either on site or in another location approved by the Director, a copy of each of the annual Compliance Reports and any associated documentation of compliance monitoring activities.

Copies of the Annual Compliance Monitoring Report are available at the New Gold Rainy River Office located in Emo, Ontario as well as available at the mine site from the Environmental Department. Any associated compliance monitoring documentation that is not available in the report can be requested from the New Gold Environmental Department.

Condition 6.6

The Proponent shall make the Compliance Reports, and associated documentation, available to the Ministry or designate in a timely manner when requested to do so by the Ministry.

To date, New Gold has been compliant with this condition and is willing to share associated

documentation as requested by the Ministry.

Prov EA Condition 7 Complaint Protocol

Condition 7.1 – Completed February 2, 2015

The Proponent shall prepare and implement a Complaint Protocol that sets out how it will deal with and respond to inquiries and complaints received during the design, construction and operation of the Undertaking.

Condition 7.2 – Completed February 2, 2015

The Proponent shall submit the Complaint Protocol to the Director, for the public record, 30 days before the Start of Construction or such other date as agreed to in writing by the Director.

Condition 7.3

The Director may require the Proponent to amend the Complaint Protocol at any time. If an amendment is required, the Director will notify the Proponent in writing of the required amendment and the date by which the Proponent must complete the amendment and submit it to the Director.

During 2022 there were no requests made to New Gold to amend the Complaint Protocol.

Condition 7.4

The Proponent shall carry out the Complaint Protocol, as it may be amended by the Director.

Completed to date. There were 9 complaints in 2022; 5 were relating to traffic, and 4 were relating to drainage, access or other issues on mine adjacent properties.

Prov EA Condition 8 Community Communications Plan

Condition 8.1 – Completed February 9th, 2015

The Proponent shall prepare and implement a Community Communications Plan that sets forth:

- *How the Proponent plans to disseminate information to interested persons;*
- *How interested persons will be notified and kept informed about Site operations; and*

- *The procedures for keeping interested persons apprised of information about documents related to the Undertaking, and when and how the updated information and/or documents will be made available.*

Condition 8.2 – Completed February 9th, 2015

The Proponent shall submit a Community Communications Plan to the Director 30 days before the Start of Construction or such other date as agreed to in writing by the Director.

Condition 8.3 – Completed to date

The Proponent shall implement the Community Communications Plan during construction, operations and closure of the Undertaking.

Prov EA Condition 9 Consultation with Aboriginal Communities

Condition 9.1 – Completed January 21st. 2015

The Proponent shall prepare and implement an Aboriginal Consultation Plan that sets forth:

- *How, during the detailed design and implementation of the Undertaking, the Proponent will consult with the Aboriginal communities that were notified of the Undertaking during the Environmental Assessment process;*
- *How the Proponent will fulfill all commitments made to Aboriginal communities during the Environmental Assessment process, including ongoing consultation during the design and implementation of the Undertaking;*
- *A Notification Protocol for how the Proponent will inform Aboriginal communities if archaeological resources or Aboriginal remains are encountered during construction;*
- *How the Proponent will issue notices and updates on key steps in the design and implementation of the Undertaking.*

Condition 9.2 – Completed February 9th, 2015

The Proponent shall submit the Aboriginal Consultation Plan to the Director and the Aboriginal communities that were notified of the Undertaking during the Environmental Assessment process 30 days before the Start of Construction or by such other date as agreed to in writing by the Director.

Condition 9.3 – Completed to date

The Proponent shall implement the Aboriginal Consultation Plan during construction, operations and closure of the Undertaking.

Condition 9.4 – Completed to date

The Proponent shall continue to consult with the following Aboriginal communities: Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Big Grassy River First Nation, Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, and the Sunset Country Métis community (represented by Métis Nation of Ontario Region 1 Consultation Committee), to inform them of when impacting activities will occur. Before impacting activities occur, the Proponent shall provide interested Aboriginal communities with reasonable opportunity to carry out specific cultural practices, as those communities consider appropriate.

Prov EA Condition 10 Archaeological Assessment

Condition 10.1 – Completed February 3rd, 2015

The Proponent shall complete stage 2 archaeological assessment studies for the project, as necessary. The stage 2 archaeological assessments must be submitted to the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) for review and accepted into MTCS's report register prior to the start of in-ground work.

Condition 10.2

If during construction any archaeological resources are discovered, all construction activities within 100 metres of the archaeological resources will cease immediately and a licensed archaeologist will be retained to carry out the necessary fieldwork in compliance with Section 48(1) of the Ontario Heritage Act.

No archaeological resources were discovered within and around construction areas during 2022.

Condition 10.3 - Completed

Archaeological resources that require removal will be transferred to a public institution selected through consultation with local First Nations and Métis represented by the Métis Nation of Ontario Region 1 Consultation Committee, in consultation with MTCS. An MTCS collection transfer form will be

completed by the surrendering licensee and the institution accepting the materials. Collection shall be curated to current standards.

Preliminary reports for the two sites subject to a Stage 4 archaeological Field Study was completed during 2019. Cataloguing and analyses of any significant findings was completed in 2020. Final report preparation and submission to the MTCS in 2020. Consultation with local First Nations and Metis Nation of Ontario Region 1 occurred.

Prov EA Condition 11 Waste Disposal and Financial Assurance

Condition 11.1

Prior to the construction of the proposed demolition landfill (or any other landfill) within the Site's property boundary, the Proponent shall obtain any necessary Environmental Assessment Act approvals and Environmental Protection Act approvals. In addition, prior to construction of the proposed demolition landfill (or any other landfill), the Proponent shall provide appropriate financial assurance to the Ministry's satisfaction, unless by then the appropriate cost has already been accounted for and provided to the MNM as part of Closure Plan requirements under the Mining Act

Permitting for a demolition landfill is discussed under section 5.8 of the 2015 Closure Plan and 9.5 of the Closure Plan Amendment. Appropriate financial assurance has been accounted for provided to ENDM as part of the Closure Plan Amendment.

Prov EA Condition 12 Surface Water Quality and Quantity

Condition 12.1

As a minimum, the Proponent shall meet all requirements and commitments related to mine water discharges to the Pinewood River as agreed to by the Ministry during the EA process, or as revised through approvals by the Ministry. These requirements and commitments are found throughout the EA and include, but are not limited to, those set out in the July 17, 2014 memo by the Ministry's surface water specialist regarding the "Rainy River Gold Project: Effluent Criteria Discussion and Water Taking Thresholds" which appears in Section 4 of the Ministry Review of the EA. Further, as part of its application for the Environmental Compliance Approval(s) (ECA) required for the

Undertaking, the proponent shall identify, through memo or other means acceptable to the ECA Director, how the proponent's proposed water management process will satisfy the technical requirements and other surface Director, how the proponent's proposed water management process will satisfy the technical requirements and other surface water quality commitments stated in the EA.

New Gold RRM has implemented a water sampling program that meets the requirements of the MECP Environmental Compliance Approvals and the Federal Metal and Diamond Mining Effluent Regulation. During 2022, effluent was discharged directly to the Pinewood River from Effluent Discharge Location 1 (EDL1) located downstream of the McCallum Creek confluence, from EDL2 at the Loslo Creek confluence, and from Sediment Pond 2 just upstream of the Loslo Creek confluence. All discharged water met provincial and federal discharge criteria.

A quarterly water balance update is produced by the RRM Environment Department and contractors (O'kane Consultants), which is submitted to the MECP with the required monthly ECA report.

Condition 12.2

The Proponent shall meet all requirements and commitments related to the establishment of a minimum water taking threshold from the Pinewood River as agreed to by the Ministry during the EA process, or as revised through approvals by the Ministry. These requirements and commitments are found throughout the EA and include, but are not limited to, those set out in the July 17, 2014 memo by the Ministry's surface water specialist regarding the "Rainy River Gold Project: Effluent Criteria Discussion and Water Taking Thresholds" which appears in Section 4 of the Ministry Review of the EA. Further, as part of its application for the Permit(s) to Take Water (PTTW) required for the Undertaking, the proponent shall identify, through memo or other means acceptable to the PTTW Director, how the proponent's proposed water management process will satisfy the water taking commitments stated in the EA.

New Gold met all requirements and commitments related to the establishment of a minimum water taking threshold from the Pinewood River, however PTTW 8776-9W2QN3 authorizing direct water taking from the Pinewood River expired on November 30, 2018. No direct water taking from the Pinewood River is permitted under Condition 3.3 subsection E of PTTW 8776-9W2QN3. There were no exceedances of maximum water taking limits by source for any of the three active PTTWs for 2022.

Prov EA Condition 13 Tailings Management and Related Climate Change Considerations

Condition 13.1

The Proponent shall fulfill all requirements and commitments related to tailings management, including maintaining a sufficient water cover over deposited tailings and fulfilling monitoring requirements detailed in provincial regulatory documents, including the Closure Plan and any other permits and approvals associated with the Undertaking. In addition, the Proponent shall consider deterrent systems to ward off bird and animal life from accessing the TMA.

The Closure Plan Amendment filed by the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines on September 14, 2020 outlines commitments related to tailings management during operations and mine closure and reclamation. These commitments include maintaining a sufficient water cover. In Q4 of 2017, the plant began pumping tailings into Cell 1 (Starter Cell) of the Tailings Management Area (TMA). The tailings are sampled within the mill before being routed to the TMA.

The TMA is monitored for bird activity by Mill Operations, Site Services, and Environment Departments. New Gold has onsite deterrents for birds in the form of bangers and handheld noise making devices. Permanent fencing was installed in 2019.

Condition 13.2

The Proponent shall assess and utilize provincial, national and international industry best practices for tailings management and water management containment facilities as they relate to climate change and the increasing frequency of severe weather abnormalities. The management of tailings, based on this assessment, shall be done in a manner adequate to ensure the appropriate management of any contaminants that may be present during and beyond the operating life of the Undertaking. The Proponent shall, as part of the Compliance Reports required under Condition 6, or otherwise specified in writing by the Director, provide details to the Ministry on how actions required by this condition have been considered in the project design, operations and the Closure Plan.

Section 5.6.1 of the Rainy River Mine Comprehensive Closure Plan Amendment (December 2019) outlines the Geotechnical Design Criteria for the TMA dams. It indicates that;

- the dams have been designed to meet the most severe flood and earthquake criteria, being the probable maximum flood and maximum credible earthquake in accordance with the Ontario

Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act requirements.

- The designs are supported by geotechnical investigations of sub-surface conditions conducted in 2010 by Klohn Crippen Berger and in 2011 and 2014 by AMEC.

Emergency spillways will be provided for each state of the TMA dam construction and Water Management Pond (WMP) to safely pass the probable maximum flood. Adequate freeboard will be maintained in the TMA and WMP to contain the environmental design flood corresponding to a 100-year 24-hour storm event. All spillways will be rock armored to withstand erosion impacts from these flow rates.

Prov EA Condition 14 Protection of Biodiversity and the Terrestrial Systems and Habitat Monitoring Plan

Condition 14.1

The Proponent shall assess and utilize best practices to protect the biodiversity of existing species within the area of the Undertaking. Building on the baseline studies completed during the Environmental Assessment process, including aquatic resources, terrestrial and species at risk baselines, and further studies as deemed necessary, the Proponent shall establish a pre- construction biodiversity baseline and report on biodiversity levels within the area of the Undertaking. The Proponent shall as part of the Compliance Reports required under Condition 6, or otherwise specified in writing by the Director, provide details to the Ministry on how the requirements set out in this condition are being met.

Version 5 of the Terrestrial Systems Monitoring Plan was submitted to the MNRF on February 3, 2016 and accepted by the MNRF in May 2016.

New Gold is currently completing monitoring as part of the Terrestrial Systems and Habitat Monitoring Plan.

During 2022 the following monitoring programs were implemented as per the relevant conditions; Species at Risk general monitoring Eastern Whip-Poor-Will OB lands/near site monitoring, wildlife observation monitoring, fish habitat assessments in built compensation facilities and barn swallow monitoring. The Biodiversity Monitoring Plan for the Pinewood River was implemented as per ECA No.

7004-BC7KQ5. These annual monitoring programs build from the baseline data collected during the EA process.

Condition 14.2 – Completed May 6th , 2016

In addition to fulfilling all commitments with regard to rehabilitating wildlife habitat and terrestrial systems, the Proponent shall consult with MNRFP on the development of a monitoring plan for terrestrial systems and habitat. The Proponent shall prepare the monitoring plan before the start of construction and shall provide a draft plan to MNRFP for review before the plan is finalized. The Proponent shall carry out the plan during construction, operation and closure of the Undertaking. The purpose of the monitoring plan is to verify the accuracy of the predictions the Proponent made during the EA about the Undertaking's impacts on wildlife and habitat and to monitor the effectiveness of rehabilitation efforts for wildlife habitat and terrestrial environments. The Proponent shall report on biodiversity baseline and results required in Condition 14.1 through the Terrestrial Systems and Habitat Monitoring Plan.

Prov EA Condition 15 Vegetation Clearing Plan

Condition 15.1 – Completed February 21st, 2016

Conditions Specific to Vegetation Clearing Activities Occurring Before May 1, 2015:

- A. The Proponent shall prepare and implement a Vegetation Clearing Plan that sets forth how the Proponent will conduct vegetation clearing activities that are intended to occur on the Site before May 1, 2015 ("Vegetation Clearing Activities"). As itemized below, this Vegetation Clearing Plan shall address issues related to those Vegetation Clearing Activities, including: compliance monitoring; compliance reporting; a complaint protocol; a community communication plan; consultation with Aboriginal communities; and terrestrial systems and habitat monitoring plans.*
- B. Unless otherwise stated in Condition 15 or stipulated per another timeline as may be identified in writing by the Director, the Proponent shall submit all elements of the Vegetation Clearing Plan to the Director, for the public record, 15 days before the Proponent's intended start of Vegetation Clearing Activities.*
- C. The Proponent shall post the Vegetation Clearing Plan on its project website by no later than 15 days prior to the intended start of Vegetation Clearing Activities.*

Condition 15.2 A - Completed February 21, 2015

Compliance Monitoring for Vegetation Clearing Activities: In relation to any vegetation clearing that occurs on the site before May 1, 2015, the Proponent shall monitor its fulfilment of: 1) the provisions of the Environmental Assessment pertaining to mitigation measures and public consultation regarding such Vegetation Clearing Activities; 2) all other commitments made by the Proponent during the Environmental Assessment process including the Commitments Registry as contained in the Errata dated December 15, 2014, in relation to such Vegetation Clearing Activities; and 3) the conditions included in section 15 of this Notice of Approval.

All clearing that has occurred on site has been completed in accordance with licenses obtained from the MNRF (when applicable).

Condition 15.2 B – Completed February 21st, 2015

The Proponent shall prepare an implementation schedule for all the vegetation clearing activities that are intended to occur on the Site before May 1, 2015.

Condition 15.3 A – Completed February 21st, 2015 – Completed February 9th, 2015

Compliance Reporting for Vegetation Clearing Activities: In relation to vegetation clearing activities that occur on the Site before May 1, 2015, the Proponent shall prepare a Vegetation Clearing Compliance Report which describes and provides evidence of the Proponent’s compliance with Condition 15 of this Notice of Approval.

Condition 15.3 B – Completed February 21st, 2015 – Completed May 31st, 2015

Compliance Reporting for Vegetation Clearing Activities: The Proponent shall submit the Vegetation Clearing Compliance report to the Director within 30 days of completing the Vegetation Clearing Activities

Condition 15.4 A – Completed February 12th, 2015

Complaint Protocol for Vegetation Clearing Activities: The Proponent shall prepare and implement a Vegetation Clearing Complaint Protocol that sets out how the Proponent will address inquiries and complaints received during any Vegetation Clearing Activities.

No complaints were received related to Vegetation Clearing Activities in 2020.

**Condition 15.5 A – Completed February 21st, 2015 – Completed February 12th, 2015 (V2);
February 24th, 2015 (V3)**

By no later than 15 days prior to the start of Vegetation Clearing Activities, the Proponent shall provide notification to those interested persons to whom Condition 8 of this Notice of Approval applies. The notification shall include a link to the location where copies of the Vegetation Clearing Plan can be seen by members of the public, as required by Condition 15.1 (c).

Condition 15.6 A – Completed February 13th, 2015

Consultation with Aboriginal Communities for Vegetation Clearing Activities: By no later than 15 days prior to the intended start of Vegetation Clearing Activities, the Proponent shall notify and then follow up with the Aboriginal communities identified in Condition 9.1 of this Notice of Approval. This notification shall append the implementation schedule required under Condition 15.2(b), above. The notification shall also include a link to the location where copies of the Vegetation Clearing Plan can be seen by members of the public, as required by Condition 15.1 (c).

Condition 15.6 B – Completed February 6th, 2015

Consultation with Aboriginal Communities for Vegetation Clearing Activities: By no later than 15 days prior to the intended start of Vegetation Clearing Activities, the Proponent shall consult the Aboriginal communities identified in condition 9.4 of this Notice of Approval, to ascertain whether they wish to carry out specific cultural practices prior to Vegetation Clearing Activities occurring. The Proponent shall provide reasonable time for interested Aboriginal communities to carry out such cultural practices prior to the start of Vegetation Clearing Activities, in coordination with the interested communities.

Condition 15.6 C – Completed February 16th, 2015

Consultation with Aboriginal Communities for Vegetation Clearing Activities: By no later than 7 days prior to the intended start of Vegetation Clearing Activities, the Proponent shall submit to the Director copies of: the notification letters that it sent in fulfilment of conditions 15.6 (a) and (b); any records confirming the Aboriginal communities' receipt of those notification letters; records of any concerns heard from the Aboriginal communities in response to those letters; and records of efforts the Proponent has made, or has committed to make, to address those concerns.

Condition 15.7A

Terrestrial Systems and Habitat Monitoring for Vegetation Clearing Activities: The Proponent shall fulfill all its EA commitments with regard to land clearing and to rehabilitating wildlife habitat and terrestrial systems, in relation to any associated impacts from Vegetation Clearing Activities.

Land clearing is contained within the footprint of the project only in areas where development is required. When licenses are required, they are obtained from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. Grubbing is not conducted unless necessary and buffers are implemented around sensitive areas.

Reclamation earthworks of the former Tait Quarry commenced in 2017 with seeding and planting occurring in 2018. The quarry which operated from 2015 to 2017 to supply material for the Highway 600 realignment underwent extensive tree clearing, blasting and rock extraction. Based on decisions made with MNRF during the Environmental Assessment process, the quarry was reclaimed to suitable Whip-poor-will habitat. Work finished in 2020 on setting up vegetation plots to mimic stockpile closure on a small scale. This included multiple tree and shrub species planted with different soil covers. During the winter of 2021-2022 approximately 13 hectares were cleared and prep work for more reclamation was done on the EMRS but no areas were 100% reclaimed in 2022.

Condition 15.8 – Completed February 21st, 2015

When the Proponent submits its Vegetation Clearing Plan materials to the Director, the Proponent shall append a statement indicating that its submission is intended to fulfill Condition 15 of this Notice of Approval.

Condition 15.9 – Completed February 21, 2015

The Director may require the Proponent to amend aspects of the Vegetation Clearing Plan at any time. Should an amendment be required, the Director will notify the Proponent, in writing, of the required amendment and of the date by which the Proponent must complete the amendment and submit it to the Director.

Condition 15.10 – Completed to date

The Proponent shall carry out the Vegetation Clearing Plan, as it may be amended by the Director.

Clearing was carried out per the Vegetation Clearing Plan.

Condition 15.11 - Completed February 21, 2015

The Proponent shall make documentation pertaining to the Vegetation Clearing Plan available to the Ministry or designate upon request, in a timely manner, when so requested by the Ministry.

Condition 15.12 – completed February 12th and February 24th, 2015

In addition to fulfilling the Vegetation Clearing Plan conditions above, the Proponent shall also mention its Vegetation Clearing Activities, as relevant, in other materials it produces to fulfill the other conditions required by this Notice of Approval.

Prov EA Condition 16 Climate Change

Condition 16.1

The Proponent shall ensure that the need for the Undertaking is capable of adapting to climate change during the construction, operation and closure phases of the Undertaking, and to that end the Proponent shall:

- A. *16.1 A Plan its construction practices, operational procedures and the design of the Undertaking to respond to storms, flooding, (including the consideration of the 500-year flood level), drought or other severe weather events resulting from climate change.*

In 2019, Sedimentation Pond 3 was completed on the south east end of the WMRS. In addition, a fresh water non- contact diversion ditch was constructed to divert clean water from the Marr Creek to the West Diversion Creek. This allows to limit the volume of water entering the site and requiring storage, pumping and treatment. In 2021, the Industrial Sewage Works Environmental Compliance Approval was amended to allow a 1:1 discharge ratio from Sediment Pond 2 if certain water quality objectives are met. This allows additional flexibility of the site water balance.

- B. *Design the post-closure aspects of the site to ensure resilience to climate change impacts, such as maintaining an appropriate site water balance and sufficient water cover over the TMA. The Proponent shall also undertake an updated review of climate change scenarios at a point approximately two years prior to implementing final closure of the TMA to confirm, or modify,*

anticipated future hydrological conditions related to climate change scenarios.

The 2019 Closure Plan Amendment submitted to the agencies outlined the post- closure strategy of the TMA consistent with the EA commitment, outlined in 16.1 (b).

- C. *The Proponent shall, as part of the Compliance Reports required under condition 6, or otherwise specified in writing by the Director, provide details to the Ministry on how climate change has been incorporated into the project design.*

New Gold has submitted an ECA amendment to include a review on climate change and the site water balance. The new permit was issued in February 2020.

- D. *The Proponent shall ensure that the need for the Undertaking is capable of adapting to climate change during the construction, operation and closure phases of the Undertaking, and to that end the Proponent shall: d) The Proponent shall also include these considerations, as appropriate, in the Closure Plan or future Closure Plan amendments submitted to MNDM.*

The Closure Plan for the Rainy River Mine discusses operational flexibility in regard to water demands. Through the design of the project water diversion structures and ditching around the East Mine Rock Stockpile were designed to handle extreme flooding events (1 in 100-year event). The TMA dams have been designed to meet the most severe flood and earthquake criteria, being the probable maximum flood and maximum credible earthquake in accordance with the Ontario Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act requirements.

In 2019 and 2020, diversion ditches for the Marr and Loslo Creek was constructed. Fresh non-contact water from these diversions is now diverted to the West Creek Diversion Channel. Both diversion ditches were hydroseeded in the fall of 2020.

Prov EA Condition 17 Other Permits and Approvals

Condition 17.1

The Proponent shall obtain other necessary permits and approvals including, but not limited to, those that are committed to in the Environmental Assessment.

To date, New Gold has met the requirements of this condition. A copy of the Environmental Permits and Approvals obtained to date and specifically in 2022 is included in Table 2: Summary of the environmental approvals related to the Rainy River Mine.

Prov EA Condition 18 Construction Operation and Maintenance Contracts

Condition 18.1

In carrying out the Undertaking, the Proponent shall require that its contractors, subcontractors and employees:

18.1A *Fulfil the commitments made by the Proponent in the Environmental Assessment process, including those made in the Environmental Assessment and in the Proponent's responses to comments received during the formal Environmental Assessment comment periods.*

All employees and contractors go through a standard site orientation, which includes Environmental, Community, Health and Safety (and other pertinent site aspects).

- Contractors are required to attend an environmental kick off meeting prior to start of work. Purpose of the meeting is to review commitments and permit requirements applicable to the Scope of Work. There are also statements in contracts that require the contractor to adhere to all applicable permits and site environmental procedures.
- Financial / other materials may include specific clauses with contracts on standards, requirements etc., depending on the nature of the contract.
- Environmental Conditions set out in Permits also include reference to specific contract drawings that are to be adhered to by the construction contractors.
- NG RRM Environmental Department monitors Contractors to ensure construction works and mining operations are carried out in accordance with Environmental Commitments.
- Side wide bulletins are issued via email, radio communication and posting in work places. When required the bulletins discuss Environmental Commitments and approvals.

18.1B

Meet applicable regulatory standards regarding the construction, operation and maintenance of the Undertaking, including these conditions of approval.

As outlined in the response to condition 18.1(a) New Gold has taken several steps to ensure that all onsite personnel are familiar with the Environmental Conditions and Approvals for the project. To ensure that these conditions are implemented and met, as well as other permit approvals, New Gold Environmental Department has implemented a number of strategies including; Site Inspections and Audits or work tasks; incorporating Regulatory requirements in contract tenders, orientation training, operating procedures, site wide communication bulletins; installing signage around the mine site; participating in meetings amongst different departments and contractors to communicate environmental requirements; include environmental conditions and approvals in construction execution plans.

18.1C

Obtain any necessary approvals, permits or licenses

New Gold Environmental Department is responsible for obtaining all environmental related permits, approvals and licenses for the project. In order to ensure that permits are obtained for all work fronts the department reviews contract scopes of work and participates in meetings held with mine staff and contractors. During 2022, New Gold also retained environmental consulting expertise in areas related to fisheries, wildlife and species at risk, air quality monitoring, mine reclamation, hydrometric work and water quality who assist in ensuring appropriate approvals are obtained. Since the start of construction in 2015 it is site practice that all new construction and operation activities or deviations from original designs are communicated to the Environmental Department who screen for required permits or amendments to existing permits.

Condition 19.1

Prior to implementing any proposed changes to the Undertaking, the Proponent shall determine what Environmental Assessment Act requirements are applicable to the proposed changes and shall fulfill those Environmental Assessment Act requirements.

During 2022, design modifications and changes to support the project were communicated effectively with MECP and other relevant agencies to obtain input and ensure work was being conducted in accordance with current permits and approvals.

Condition 20.1 – Completed January 19th, 2015

30 days prior to construction, or as per another timeline as may be identified in writing by the Director, the Proponent shall provide notification of the Proponent's intention to proceed with construction. If significant changes to the existing environment or regulatory changes have occurred that could affect the implementation of the Undertaking or result in any new potential adverse environmental effects from the undertaking, the Proponent shall include a description of those changes in its notice. The Proponent shall provide the notice to the Director and Regional Director of the Ministry, the MNRF, the MNDM, and any other relevant agencies that the Proponent or the Director determine may have an interest in any changes provided in the notice.

SECTION 5

NEW GOLD RAINY RIVER MINE

COMMITMENT REGISTRY



Figure 23. Snake found near the West Creek Diversion, June 24, 2022

Condition 1 to 12 Air

Condition 1

The RRM (RRM) will monitor and mitigate air emissions, particularly dust, through implementation of current industry best management practices.

The ambient air quality monitoring program continued in 2022 with monitoring of relevant air emission parameters stipulated in the Rainy River Project Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Plan in compliance with ECA 0412- A2LR4V condition 10.1 (a) Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Plan. Ambient air quality data continued to be collected at the three air quality monitoring stations located East (Gallinger Road), Southeast (Tait Road) and Northwest (Hwy 600) of the mine site by New Gold Environment staff. Dust emitted from RRM was also monitored at the fenceline using two MetOne E-Sampler Dual Ambient Monitors.

Analytical data was provided by certified external laboratories. An independent consultant interpreted the data and prepared four quarterly reports found in Appendix E. Before submission, quarterly reports were reviewed by New Gold Environment staff.

During 2022, there were three air quality exceedances that were due to the mine site. There was one exceedance of total suspended particulates (TSP) at the Northwest station, one exceedance of dust fall at the Northwest station, and one exceedance of dust fall at the South station.

Best management practices to mitigate dust was primarily water application. Water trucks are maintained on site to wet haul roads and light vehicle roads during non-freezing conditions. Water is applied to unpaved roads, prior to or following dust generating activities, and to primary and auxiliary crushers.

Calcium Chloride is also applied to the roads as a chemical dust suppressant when there is significant evaporation. Calcium Chloride was applied to roads on 12 days in 2022. Site traffic adheres to speed limits no higher than 60 Km/h. Roads are also regraded and maintained as necessary to reduce traffic on fine particulate matter. Site access for commercial traffic was limited to the East Access Road via Korpi and Highway 71 to limit dust generated from traffic on gravel side roads.

Production drills are equipped with dust curtains and water dispersion bars. Blasting is completed below grade.

Primary and auxiliary aggregate crushers used chemical dust suppressant, and water dispersed by spray bars during non-freezing conditions. To decrease drop height, the stockpile height at the primary crusher is maintained at 80% or higher when possible. Dust curtains were also installed in 2022. Dust

at the feed system is controlled at the source by baghouse dust collection systems. E-Sampler instruments are in place near the crusher pile and at the property line to verify dust levels and send an alarm if they are approaching unacceptable levels.

Condition 2

A fugitive dust best management practices plan will be prepared to identify all potential sources of fugitive dusts, outline mitigative measures that will be employed to control dust generation, and detail the inspection and recordkeeping required to demonstrate that fugitive dusts are being effectively managed.

ECA Application Submission – November 14, 2014; Fugitive Dust Best Management Plans submitted to MOECC February 4, 2016; Updated Water Use Plan for dust submitted to MOEC December 14, 2016.

An updated 2021 Fugitive Dust Best Management Practices Plan for RRM operations phase was prepared and submitted to the MECP following a dusting event in February of 2021.

This plan supersedes the 2020 updates and includes a section on the total suspended particulates (TSP) emitted from the Primary Ore Stockpile. The addition includes measures and limits to control the dust created by RRM that poses a threat to the environment and surrounding communities.

RRM activities continued to follow the 2016 plan for construction while using updated data collection forms from the 2018 plan updates. Paper and electronic records for dust suppression methods were collected and stored during 2022, found in Appendix J.

Condition 3

Sound will be monitored during construction, operations and active closure phases consistent with Ministry of the Environment (MOE) requirements

During the summer of 2021, an acoustic assessment was conducted around site. The acoustic assessment was completed to assess the impacts from the TMA construction activities to confirm actual sound levels from these construction activities. Measurements were collected at four points along Old and New Highway 600, near the receptors closest to the TMA construction activities.

Annual monitoring of noise on site to update the acoustic assessment report will resume in 2023.

Condition 4

NG (NG; previously Rainy River Resources) expect that the monitoring required will include total suspended particulate (TSP) and metals on the TSP size fraction, PM10, dustfall and passive monitoring for NO2 and SO2. NG commits to conducting this monitoring which is also expected to be an approval requirement.

During 2022, ambient air quality monitoring continued at three ambient air quality stations located along the Eastern, Southeastern and Northwestern boundaries of the mine site. The 2022 ambient air quality monitoring program strictly follows the Ambient Air Monitoring Program Plan approved by MECP in 2016. Ambient air quality parameters measured included total suspended particulate (TSP), metals and metalloids, particulate matter less than 2.5 microns (PM_{2.5}), monthly total dustfall, passive nitrogen dioxide (NO₂), and sulphur dioxide (SO₂). The MECP completed one semi-annual particulate audit in June 2022, where it was noted that the South Station PQ200 sampler was running out of range. This unit was replaced within the week.

Quarterly reporting of data was compared to provincial standards during 2022 as per plan and ECA requirement.

Condition 5

The best management plan related to fugitive dust management, source control and operational constraints required by the Provincial Environmental Compliance Approval will be provided to Environment Canada (EC) for review and will be fully implemented prior to the construction phase.

- ECA Application Submission – November 14, 2014;
- Fugitive Dust Best Management Plans submitted to MOECC February 4, 2016;

Updated Water Use Plan for dust submitted to MOEC Dec 14, 2016. Updates of the Fugitive Dust Best Management Practices Plan (FDBMPP) were sent to MECP in December 2018, April 2019, July 2020 and March 2021, in order to address gaps in RRM's effort to mitigate fugitive dust.

Condition 6 – completed September 17th, 2014

A transboundary notification under the Canada - U.S. Air Quality Agreement will be filed prior to operation.

Condition 7

Planning measures aimed at reducing fuel and power consumption for the RRM site include the following:

2020-2021 Results:

- 4170 MWh Leach Circuit Energy Reductions
 - Project closed out and recommissioned to 2019 baseline consumption in 2021
- 266 MWh/yr project UG Compressed Air
- 354 MWh/yr project Admin LED Lighting and Controls

2021 Identified Opportunities:

- +4650 MWh/yr Compressed Air
- +410 MWh/yr LED Lighting and Controls
 - Further UG Developments Recommended for Review

2020-2021 Results:

All new equipment in 2020 is TIER 4 emission compliant. Permanent buildings for Maintenance, Warehouse etc. have been replaced with tent type structures so energy reduction associated with insulation will not be as originally expected. All other strategies remain the same.

2021 Scope 1 Identified Opportunities:

- +3,300 t/C02e/yr Fuel Avoidance projects from Open Pit Mining activities (A Production Intensity based calc)
 - Further UG Developments Recommended for Review
- +2,000 t/C02e/yr LPG Avoidance Projects (A HDD Intensity based calc on existing)
 - Further UG Developments Recommended for Review

2022 Results:

- Mill Ventilation Heating Setpoint Temps: +482 KL Propane (746 t/C02e Scope 1 Emissions)
- Tracked Haul Fleet optimization Aug-Dec: +995 KL Diesel (2,739 t/C02e Scope 1 Emissions)
- +362 MWh/yr LED Lighting and Controls (9.4 t/C02e Scope 2 Emissions)
- +240 MWh/yr Compressed Air (6.2 t/C02e Scope 2 Emissions)
 - Further UG Developments Recommended for Review
 - Additional identified Compressed Air retrofit opportunities = (+4650 MWh/yr in 2021)

Condition 8

Monitoring of air quality will occur during construction, operations and active closure phases per Section 13.1.1 of the Final EA Report.

Monitoring of air quality at the RRM site continued during 2022. New Gold Environmental staff continued to collect data from the two air quality sampling stations as per the Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Plan, and the additional recommended station. Sampling stations are located to the

Southeast of the site at Tait Rd and Highway 600, East of the site along Gallinger Road and Northwest of site along highway 600.

Air Quality Monitoring Reports for each quarter of 2022 can be found in the supporting documentation Appendix E.

Condition 9

Sound mitigation measures will be used, such as selection of quieter equipment. Implementation of sound abatement strategies to dampen sound infiltrating habitats and migratory bird nesting areas surrounding high traffic areas of the mine.

Measures that were implemented during 2015 and continued into 2022 to reduce sound included:

- Specific trucks that allow exhaust to pass through the truck box rather than directly through the exhaust pipe (can muffle sound).
- Reducing size of blasts where appropriate and scheduling those blast only at 1100 hours and 1500 hours.
- Tree buffers maintained where practical.
- Annually the acoustic model is updated, and no significant change has been detected.

Condition 10

Should the final equipment selections determine through detailed engineering and sound level assumptions vary materially from those presented in the Environmental Assessment (EA), an updated assessment with the new information will be prepared as part of the detailed design and approvals application(s) for the RRM.

The type of equipment and equipment sound levels currently operating at New Gold are generally consistent with the equipment type and equipment sound levels presented in the Acoustic Assessment Reports (AAR) prepared for Environmental Assessment (EA), the Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) and as part of the annual updates. An updated AAR was prepared for the 2021 operating year to assess the impacts from the TMA construction activities to confirm the actual sound levels from these construction activities. Measurements were collected along Old Highway 600, near the receptors closest to the TMA construction activities. There is no update for 2022.

Condition 11

The maximum charge size per delay for blasting is limited to 1,000 kg as the vibration and overpressure mitigation option. If the charge size is larger than 1,000 kg per delay, the vibration and overpressure levels emanating from RRM blasting operations will be reassessed in a detailed study to confirm that the predicted levels are within guideline limits.

For the 6 3/4 inch drill patterns the design may have 4 holes (216 kg each) blasting in close proximity (within 8 ms of each other for non-electric detonators). For the 8.5 inch, the design may have 3 holes on average blasting (320 kg each) in proximity. Therefore, our MIC can be estimated at 864-960 kg per shot.

Condition 12

NG will continue to work actively with local residents throughout the period of mine construction, operation and active closure to further manage and reduce any disturbances due to air and sound emissions to the extent possible, as well as for other effects.

Through regular communication, New Gold has established positive relationships with neighbours who are closest to the project mine site. When neighbours have any concerns or comments, they typically contact the Community Coordinator directly, who then ensures follow-up and closeout. It is typical for New Gold to host the neighbours for a site visit and lunch; the tour and lunch were held on October 21, 2022. In 2022, there was one inquiry about a blast, two relating to drainage from site to neighbouring properties and five complaints relating to mine traffic. The inquiry and complaints were resolved to the neighbours' satisfaction.

Condition 13 to 22 Water Management

Condition 13

Collectively and individually, the processes and water management strategies proposed for the RRM are Best Management Practices and/or Best Available Technology Economically Achievable (BATEA), and NG has committed to the use of such processes and water management strategies in the Final EA Report. Examples of such BATEA committed to by NG:

- *Use of the in-plant SO₂/Air process for cyanide destruction and metal precipitation, as well as to*

extended post SO₂/Air treatment effluent aging in the TMA (TMA) and water management ponds, followed by constructed wetland treatment;

- *Detailed plans and designs to manage potentially acid generating rock (PAG) on site, including ongoing progressive reclamation at the stockpile to limit acid generation, with drainage from this stockpile reporting to the mine rock pond, for re-use as part of the mill process water supply thereby reducing fresh water requirements. Dissolved metals associated with east mine rock stockpile drainage would ultimately report to the process plant SO₂/Air and hydroxide precipitation circuit, and then to tailings;*
- *Use of emulsion and/or emulsion blend explosives as a means of limiting ammonia residuals from the use of blasting agents at source; and*
- *Collection of site runoff and seepage as per MMER (MMER), and to maximize the use of near 100% contact water recycle for the processing plant water supply.*

During 2022 the mill continued in plant treatment of tailings using SO₂/air in the cyanide destruction tank, where cyanide and metalocyanide complexes are oxidized to cyanate ions. The cyanate ions reacted with water to form ammonia and carbon dioxide. Free metal ions were precipitated with the addition of lime to form insoluble metal hydroxides and absorbed onto tailings particle solids, settling out of the slurry in the tailings management area. Excess SO₂ was used in the process to ensure complete stoichiometric oxidation of cyanide.

Treated tailings are continuously pumped from the mill through the tailings pipeline into the TMA. Effluent is aged in the TMA before transfer to the Water Treatment Train, consisting of a water treatment plant, biochemical reactor #1, and three nitrification cells. Treated effluent is further aged in the Water Management Pond and is discharged directly to the environment through one of three final discharge points, providing it meets water quality objectives. Effluent is sent for further treatment if necessary to reach water quality objectives. Prior to closure, a Constructed Wetland will be developed for final effluent polishing at closure.

Identification of potentially acid generating rock (PAG) continued to be managed through chemical testing and segregation into ore stockpiles within the low grade and East Mine Rock stockpile areas, as per requirements of the Geochemical Monitoring Plan.

Drainage from low grade and east mine rock PAG stockpiles continues to report into the Mine Rock Pond via a drainage ditch surrounding the East Mine Rock Stockpile area which was completed in

2019. Recycling of water from the Mine Rock Pond for re-use in the mill process water supply continued during 2022. The current drilling and blasting contractor on site, Dyno Nobel, continued to use a straight emulsion for all blasting in 2022. As per MDMER regulations, collection of site runoff and seepage was directed into on-site holding ponds. Effluent discharges to the environment from ECA compliant water retained in on-site holding ponds took place in the Spring, Summer, and Fall of 2022.

Condition 14

Surface water runoff will be diverted from entering the pit or flowing through stockpiles by ditching or other means.

During 2022, most surface water was diverted from the stockpiles and the open pit with permanent ditching and sumps. In Spring 2022, RRM experienced 1 in 100 wet year conditions which overwhelmed Open Pit ditching which caused water to enter the Open Pit. In response, RRM is building a permanent ditch that can divert a 100-year return period away from the Open Pit. West Mine Rock Stockpile has permanent ditching surrounding the periphery of the footprint relying on Sediment Pond 3 and Sumps 1 and 2 to collect the southern and eastern portion of ditching and Sediment Ponds 1 and 2 to collect the northern and western portion ditching. Water captured in Sediment Pond 3 and Sumps 1 and 2 is pumped to Sediment Ponds 1 or 2. If it meets water quality objectives, it is discharged to either West Creek Diversion via Sediment Pond 1 or the Pinewood River via Sediment Pond 2. East Mine Rock Stockpile also has permanent ditching around the periphery of the footprint. This ditching directs all water to the Mine Rock Pond.

Condition 15

Open pit dewatering water will be contained and if necessary, treated before it is discharged to the environment.

The Open Pit used an extended ditch along its northern edge to collect surface water before it entered the footprint as well as temporary sumps with the footprint itself to stage pumps and remove localized surface water runoff and groundwater seepage. This ditch will be increased in 2023 to contain a 100-year return period. This water is directed to Sediment Pond 3 or pumped to the Mine Rock Pond or the Plant Site water management structures and used in ore processing. If it is not required, it can bypass the mill and go straight to the Tailings Management Area. It can either be used in the ore processing again or go through the Water Treatment Train and be discharged to the Pinewood River.

Condition 16

In regards to final reclamation, the open pit will be flooded at closure to create a pit lake either passively through natural groundwater entry and precipitation inputs; or by active enhanced flooding.

Discussions will be held with the various government agencies to determine the optimal balance between maintaining Pinewood River flows and filling the open pit on an expedited basis.

The CPA was filed on September 15, 2020 by the agency and addresses this requirement.

Condition 17

Enhanced pit flooding using the West Creek source is not under consideration by NG and has been clarified in the Draft Closure Plan submitted for review, pending discussions and further direction from various government agencies.

The process for flooding the open pit at mine closure is discussed in commitment number 16. The use of West Creek as a source to provide water for flooding the open pit is not being considered by New Gold.

Condition 18

Pit lake water quality will be monitored regularly as part of the post-closure monitoring program.

The mine is currently in an operational phase and ore is being extracted from the open pit. This commitment will be addressed at mine closure.

Condition 19

Should it be determined that future treatment is needed for stockpile runoff / seepage and overflow from the pit at closure, passive treatment options would be fully considered during the detailed design stage.

Perimeter ditches are in function for the stockpiles. Compliant water can be discharged, and a system of pump back is in place for sedimentation ponds 1, 2 and 3, should water not be compliant.

Passive treatment options will be considered at closure for Open Pit overflow with water quality objectives will not be met with the Water Treatment Plant planned to be in place and functional from 10 years post closure.

Condition 20

Ditches (and ponds as appropriate), will be established around the stockpiles to collect and manage runoff. Diversions will be sized to convey the environmental design flood. All sedimentation ponds will be designed with a retention period to meet the MMER discharge requirement for total suspended solids. The design criteria for perimeter ditching in this area (east mine rock stockpile and low grade ore stockpile) has been increased to the 100-year return period condition, as these stockpiles will contain PAG materials.

As per MDMER regulations, collection of site runoff and seepage was directed into the Water Management Pond and other on-site holding ponds. Discharges to the environment from on-site holding ponds occurred in 2021. Permanent ditch design in EMRS has been designed by qualified engineers based on 100 year storm event criteria and has been fully constructed. Permanent ditching design for WMRS has been designed by qualified engineers based on 25 year storm event. The ditch was completed around the north, west, and south sides with the northeast section planned for completed in February 2023.

Condition 21– Completed 2018

The retention time for sediment ponds 1 and 2 has been increased to 12 days, subject to review and acceptance by the MOECC.

Condition 22– Completed December 2017

PAG mine rock (and ore) will be managed, with drainage from the PAG mine rock and ore stockpile reporting to the mine rock pond, for re-use as part of the process plant water supply.

Condition 23 to 29 ARD

Condition 23

The deepest local till layer resting directly on bedrock contains PAG material and will be visually segregated and treated as PAG material unless otherwise determined and will be stockpiled within the east mine rock stockpile, or disposed of in a manner where acid rock drainage (ARD) potentials will be controlled. A detailed mine rock segregation program / management strategy will be developed around the distribution of non-potentially acid generating (NPAG) and PAG materials, and a program of

ongoing testing to be carried out during mining operations of the mine rock being removed.

NG proposes to utilize visual and geochemical data to identify that portion of the till overlying the bedrock which requires handling as PAG material, based on the characteristics of the clasts (loose stones) contained therein. Segregation is commonly utilized and MEND 5.4.2d (MEND Manual, Volume 4, Prevention and Control) indicates that segregation is applicable where a clean separation can be made and where a disposal location is available for the PAG material - both of which apply to the RRP. This PAG till would be treated as PAG material and would be directed to the east mine rock stockpile for disposal along with PAG mine rock. NG is conducting a detailed sampling and analysis program of the overburden within the pit area. The study will be used to delineate the thickness of till over the bedrock that may contain locally derived PAG rock materials so that these materials can be segregated during operations and placed into the East Mine Rock stockpile, or otherwise maintained in a saturated condition. Periodic confirmation analysis will be conducted during the (open pit) stripping program to ensure that the initial interpretation of the thickness of till requiring handling as PAG remains accurate. A draft mine rock and overburden management plan was submitted with the Draft Closure Plan that will be finalized and submitted with the Final Closure Plan for filing with the MNM later in 2014. It will also be provided to EC per their request. The plan will be revised during operations if necessary, to ensure it remains current and as part of future Closure Plan amendments

Monitoring was ongoing during 2022. Periodic sampling of till is ongoing during open pit stripping of till. Results have been in line with the initial interpretations. A Geochemical Monitoring Plan for the Construction and Operation Phases was issued in accordance with MECP ECA 5178- 9TUPD9 requirements and has been implemented at the RRM site. In 2022, till sampling has been done through drill cutting in pioneering drill patterns. Even when results came back as NAG, all till material is still treated like PAG material due to the unpredictability of the sulfur distribution in the unconsolidated material.

Condition 24

Geochemistry monitoring:

- Runoff and seepage related to tailings and stockpiles will be monitored as per surface and groundwater monitoring;*
- Blast hole sampling from open pit operations for mine rock segregation will be carried out*

throughout the open pit operations phase;

- *Tailings samples will be collected at regular intervals during the mine operations phase; and*
- *Field trials will be carried out during all or a portion of the mine construction and operations phases as required to generate data need to confirm modeling results.*

A Geochemical Monitoring Plan for the Construction and Operation Phases was issued in accordance with MECP ECA 7004-BC7KQ5 requirements and has been implemented at the RRM site. Monitoring of PAG and NAG material through blast hole and RC sampling was ongoing during 2022. A field capping trial was commissioned in 2017.

Condition 25

PAG material would only be used for fill material in areas where it can be maintained in a saturated state to exclude oxygen and inhibit sulphide oxidation. These uses may include underground backfill and construction of the upstream portion of the TMA dams.

All the PAG that has been encountered during 2022 has either been stockpiled in the East Mine Rock Stockpile, used in the pit (road construction, padding in the overburden, and overburden buttressing), or stockpiled in the Tailings Management Area and used for upstream dam construction.

Condition 26

Progressive rehabilitation of mine rock and overburden stockpiles will be undertaken where practical once the maximum height of each stockpile has been reached and/or as each lift is completed.

Approximately 1.6 ha of East Mine Rock Stockpile's lower bench underwent progressive reclamation during 2022. This reclamation included the construction of a 0.5 m lower permeability layer on the bottom and a 1 m growth medium, frost protection, moisture retention layer on the top. See EMRS Cover Record of Construction in Appendix B for more information.

Condition 27

Encapsulation of the east mine rock stockpile under a multi-layered cover is proposed with a long-term goal of controlling ARD.

In 2017, a multi-layered cover system test plot was set up on the Northeast side of the plant to test the

proposed design through multiple years. In 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021, this multi layered cover system was monitored to ensure complete encapsulation was successful and memo outlining the results in 2021 was prepared. See PAG Cover Trial Factual Data Report in Appendix C for more information.

Approximately 1.6 ha of East Mine Rock Stockpile's lower bench began progressive reclamation in 2022. This reclamation included the construction of a multi-layered cover that consisted of a 0.5 m lower permeability layer on the bottom and a 1 m growth medium, frost protection, moisture retention layer on the top. See EMRS Cover Record of Construction in Appendix B for more information.

Condition 28

As part of the geochemical characterization studies for the project, NG committed to an extended monitoring period of kinetic cells to demonstrate and continue to evaluate the robustness of the geochemical results.

- In 2017, Kinetic cell monitoring was ongoing to support the geochemical characterization studies. As of December 31, 2022, only the one waste rock humidity cell kinetic test remained active. The two (2) tailings columns were decommissioned in 2021; the last sampling was done on September 14, 2021.

In 2021, NG also reinstated its kinetic field bin trials to address recommendations by the Independent Technical Review Board (ITRB). The program is designed to simulate acid rock drainage from waste rock and consists of 8 collection bins.

Condition 29

The run-of-mine stockpile is the temporary, working stockpile for the processing plant; the low grade ore stockpile is proposed to be depleted during the latter part of operations. As a contingency only, it is proposed that should an ore stockpile remain at closure, it will be managed similar to PAG in the East Mine Rock Stockpile with a multi-layer cover and seeded. Runoff and seepage will be directed to the open pit as part of the passive water management system.

At closure, should a ore stockpile remain, section 9.14.1.4 of the Rainy River Project Closure Plan (October 2017) stipulates that it will be considered part of the East Mine Rock Stockpile and reclaimed in the same manner.

Condition 30 to 59 Water

Condition 30

Site runoff and seepage will be collected, managed and treated per the Provincial and MMER requirements.

- Site runoff and seepage are collected, managed, and treated as per provincial and federal requirements.
- Water Management Pond and Tailings Management Area - Ditches and finger drains direct seepage and dam runoff to seepage collection ponds. Seepage collection ponds are pumped back to the WMP and TMA, respectively.
- West Mine Rock Stockpile - Ditches and drains direct seepage and dump runoff to Sediment Ponds #1, #2 and #3 for treatment by settling. Treated seepage and runoff in Sediment Ponds #1 and #2 that meets provincial and federal effluent limits is discharged to the environment.
- Open Pit - Sumps in catch benches, in-pit sumps and interception ditches collect runoff and seepage from the open pit which is pumped to the Mine Rock Pond or South Pond which the Mill draws from for use in processing ore.
- East Mine Rock Stockpile - Ditches and drains direct seepage and dump runoff to the Mine Rock Pond for use in processing ore.
- Process Plant Site - Ditches direct seepage and site runoff to the South and North Ponds. South and North Ponds are drawn into the Mill for use in ore processing.

Condition 31– Completed during design

The overall site footprint and watershed capture will be minimized to the extent practical, so as to minimize the quantity of runoff and seepage requiring treatment and management.

Condition 32

West Creek Pond and West Creek diversion flows will be measured on a continuous basis using water level transducers, supported by monthly manual measurements during the winter period, when transducer results experience interference caused by ice pressure.

The West Creek Pond and Diversion were completed in 2017. A water level transducer was installed in the West Creek Pond in April 2018. A hydrometric station was established in the West Creek Diversion

box culvert, the H3 hydrometric station, in September 2019. A second hydrometric station, the H4 hydrometric station, was established in the West Creek Diversion at the Haul Road 8 culvert downstream of Sediment Pond 1 discharge and where the Marr Diversion enters the West Creek Diversion.

Condition 33

The West Creek Pond will only contain natural, non-contact water. The West Creek diversion channel will be kept separate from the constructed wetland downstream of the TMA, so as not to mix the natural creek water with excess water discharged from the TMA.

The West Creek Pond only contains non-contact water. The wetland construction will only occur near closure. At that time, appropriate measure will be implemented.

Condition 34– Completed 2017.

West Creek Diversion will be positioned far enough from the pit perimeter to ensure integrity and stability and is expected to provide like-for-like fish habitat replacement.

Condition 35

The West Creek diversion will be permanent, and there is no further consideration being given to diverting any flows from this creek into the open pit to help accelerate pit flooding at or following closure.

To date, the design of the mine is consistent with the requirements of this commitment.

Please refer to commitment number 16

Condition 36– Completed 2016

There will be secondary containment in place for tailings and contact water pipelines at the crossing of West Creek.

In 2016, a secondary pipe and berm were installed around the Tailings and Water Management Pond Reclaim pipelines at every fish bearing waterbody crossing including West Creek. These all still remain in 2022.

Condition 37

A reliable water source for process plant operations and ancillary uses will be generated by maximizing the rate of water recycled to the process plant.

Water demands are expected to be met by capturing and reusing the effluents and contact water within the site footprint.

Roughly 75% of the water takings for the Mill were sourced from the Tailings reclaim water structure, 25% from Mine Rock Pond and the remainder from South Pond. The Process Plant operated on 100% contact water throughout 2022.

Condition 38– completed November 30th 2018

Water will be taken from the Pinewood River for the purpose of developing an initial water inventory, only during the construction phase. NG does not intend to take water directly from the Pinewood River thereafter, except possibly for contingency purposes.

Condition 39

Water recycle will be maximized, using approximately 100% water recycle for the processing plant water supply.

Roughly 75% of the water takings for the Mill were sourced from the Tailings reclaim water structure, 25% from Mine Rock Pond and the remainder from South Pond. The Process Plant operated on 100% contact water throughout 2022.

Condition 40

Local area lakes will not be used for process water supply for the RRM.

Roughly 75% of the water takings for the Mill were sourced from the Tailings reclaim water structure, 25% from Mine Rock Pond and the remainder from South Pond. The Process Plant operated on 100% contact water throughout 2022. No local lakes or rivers were utilized to source any water.

Condition 41

All process reagents and materials, and wastes, will be handled and stored responsibly, according to supplier and safety guidance, regulatory requirements and industry best practices.

During 2022 process reagents and materials were handled and stored according to supplier and safety guidance, Regulatory requirements and industry best practices. Mechanical maintenance areas have appropriate containment for used oil and other hazardous materials associated with mechanical repairs and maintenance to heavy equipment. New Gold RRM and on-site contractors producing hazardous waste were registered with HWIN. Certified hazardous waste transportation companies were contracted to remove hazardous waste from designated areas. New Gold Staff inspect these designated areas to ensure appropriate storage methods were being implemented. Mill Operations stored reagents and chemicals used in ore processing either in dry storage facilities or within secondary containment areas. All reagents shipped to site are conducted by licensed transportation companies. When products arrive on site, they are offloaded by New Gold RRM operators who are trained in Transportation of Dangerous Goods.

New materials being purchased by the company undergo a review of the Safety Data Sheets by the New Gold Health and Safety and Environmental Departments prior to being brought to site. The intent of this review is to ensure appropriate product use as well as appropriate handling and containment practices are in place.

Condition 42

Any chemical spills within the process plant / chemical storage areas will be controlled through provision of secondary containment as appropriate and will not enter the environment. Spills of potentially hazardous materials during transport, or from on-site material storage and handling facilities will be managed. Measures will be taken to prevent and clean up any hydrocarbon spills (and other spills) at source to ensure such materials do not enter surrounding waters as practical. Spills will be reported to the MOECC and other appropriate agencies per the requirements of the Ontario Environmental Protection Act.

During 2019, an MECP guidance document on environmental protection measures at chemical and waste storage facilities was implemented sitewide. Chemicals to be used in the process plant were moved into the mill, placed in covered cold storage areas or within bermed laydown areas to protect against spills to the environment. In 2020, fully covered storage facilities were built for new and used lube and oil and was continued to be used in 2022.

In 2022, 18 spills (project wide) were reported to the MECP as per requirements of the Ontario Environmental Protection Act. Letter reports communicating incident details, clean up and mitigation

measures were provided to the MECP as per ECA 2290-CAVKGN permit conditions. Event details are captured in a computer program called INX INControl. Each event is provided with a unique identifier which is used to capture spill information details, clean up tasks and assign accountability to responsible individuals. This system ensures that the spill is documented and cleaned up appropriately in a timely manner and reviewed by area owners before event is closed. Information related to the spills reported to MECP can be found in the Supporting Documentation for Appendix K.

Condition 43

The TMA dams will meet strict regulatory requirements including the requirements of the Provincial Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act and will be constructed to withstand the probable maximum flood and maximum credible earthquake. A remedial action plan would be developed in consultation with appropriate government agencies in the event of dam breach.

Section 5.6.1 of the Rainy River Mine Comprehensive Closure Plan Amendment (December 2019) outlines the Geotechnical Design Criteria for the TMA dams and Water Management Pond dams (WMP). It indicates that;

- The dams are designed to meet the most severe flood and earthquake criteria, being the probable maximum flood and maximum credible earthquake, in accordance with the Ontario Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act requirements.
- The designs are supported by several geotechnical investigations of subsurface condition, the most recent of which was completed by BGC in 2021.
- Emergency spillways are provided for each stage of the TMA dams and WMP to safely pass the probable maximum flood
- Adequate freeboard is maintained in the TMA and WMP to contain the environmental design flood corresponding to a 100-year 30-day storm event and all spillways are protected against erosion
- New Gold has successfully obtained appropriate LRIA permit approvals for the construction of all onsite dams.

An Operational Maintenance and Surveillance (OMS) manual was submitted to the MNRF as per conditions of the LRIA and accepted in August 2017. The OMS is updated at least annually, with the most recent version provided in Appendix L

Condition 44

Runoff and seepage from the TMA and stockpiles will be captured, monitored, and either released to the environment if applicable criteria are met and/or re-used in the process plant during operations. Cyanide and metal concentrations in the TMA seepage and all treated effluent discharges to the environment will be controlled through the use of in-plant cyanide destruction and heavy metal precipitation, augmented by extended effluent aging in the TMA ponds.

Detailed design during 2022 was consistent with this commitment. Permanent seepage collection ditches and sumps were completed around the Water Management Pond and all of the completed Tailings Management Area (TMA) with systems in place to pump the runoff and seepage back into either the Water Management Pond or the Tailings Management Area to allow for extended effluent aging. If discharge of this water is required, it will go through the Water Treatment Train process before discharging to the Pinewood River. Seepage collection systems will continue to be built along the downstream section of the TMA dam extensions. Ditches sediment ponds have also been constructed around the East and West Mine Rock Stockpiles to capture any runoff or seepage. Runoff or seepage can be discharged from Sediment Ponds 1 and 2 located around the West Mine Rock Stockpile if required and applicable criteria are met while the ditching around East Mine Rock Stockpile directs flows to the Mine Rock Pond which is used in the ore process with an option to send directly to the TMA.

Condition 45

All active pipelines will be inspected twice per 12-hour shift and informally at other times. Should flow unexpectedly lessen or stop in a pipeline, an inspection will be immediately conducted.

The surveillance and inspections of active pipelines is outlined in each part of the Rainy River Mine Operation, Maintenance and Surveillance (OMS) Manual, where relevant. The OMS was reviewed by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry as a part of the Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act (LRIA) Approval Process for the construction of dams. A copy of the OMS can be found in the Supporting Documentation in Appendix L.

Condition 46

The exposed tailings beach will be covered at closure with a layer of overburden, with flooding of the remaining tailings with a layer of water to prevent the tailings from oxidizing over the longer term.

This will ensure that the tailings pond water remains of high quality, such that it will not pose a threat to wildlife.

On September 15th 2020 an amended Closure Plan was filed by ENDM. There is no change with regards to the treatment of the tailing's treatment at closure.

Condition 47

NG commits to maintaining the deposited tailings during the post closure period in a saturated condition in perpetuity to prevent the generation of ARD. NG also commits to developing and completing a monitoring plan which evaluates the integrity of the cover system (e.g. low permeability overburden zone) and the continuous saturation of the tailings.

On September 15th 2020 an amended Closure Plan was filed by ENDM. There is no change with regards to the treatment of the tailing's treatment at closure.

Condition 48

The thickness and maintenance of water cover over the TMA will be clarified in the Closure Plan.

On September 15th 2020 an amended Closure Plan was filed by ENDM. There is no change with regards to the treatment of the tailing's treatment at closure.

Condition 49

A detailed monitoring plan will be developed as part of the Provincial closure planning process to ensure that the deposited tailings solids remain permanently saturated in the post-closure condition. This plan will include consideration of the low permeability overburden perimeter cover bordering the tailings dams to ensure that the deposited tailings beneath the perimeter overburden cover remain saturated, or alternatively that the overburden zone cover itself remains sufficiently saturated so as to prevent oxidation of the underlying tailings. The monitoring program will consist of the following principal elements:

- *Establishment of a field trial to simulate the performance of the low permeability cover, with initiation during the development phase and monitoring during operations to support the closure design to ensure saturation levels in the cover and underlying tailings to confirm, or modify, design criteria;*

- *Survey of the final tailings surface prior to flooding for closure, with results of the survey tied to TMA dam crest elevations and the spillway invert elevation;*
- *Establishment of a water level monitoring station within the tailings pond, near to the spillway, with measurements to be taken at regular intervals.*

The first Closure Plan for the Rainy River Project was filed in 2015. A Closure Plan Amendment was filed with the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines in October 2017 as the project transitioned from its construction phase into operations and filed on September 15, 2020. Section 6.2.4 of the Closure Plan discusses the progressive reclamation strategy for the TMA that will occur much later in the mine life, as it will be actively used for tailings deposition throughout operations and allowed to flood upon closure. At the end of mine operations the plan is to allow a low permeability overburden to cover approximately 150m in width to be placed on the upstream side of the dam around two thirds of the ultimate perimeter allowing the remaining one third to be reclaimed at closure. The purpose of the overburden cover is to prevent the water cover from coming in contact with the dams and it will also limit oxygen diffusion into the uppermost portion of the tailings underneath. The overburden layer will be seeded with native seed mix and armoured with Non-Acid Generating (NAG) rock. The remaining tailings will have a permanent water cover of approximately 2 m. As the project advances through its operational phase more research and planning will be conducted on the management of tailings at closure. Additional planning will be outlined in future closure plan amendments.

Condition 50

In the event that observed water levels within the TMA pond were to decline to a level where there was a risk of the deposited tailings solids becoming partially unsaturated for extended periods, the available contingencies to mitigate that condition would be the following:

- *Periodically pump water from the Pinewood River during spring freshet, or during other high water periods, to maintain the TMA post closure water cover within an optimal zone (alternatively water could be periodically pumped to the TMA from the upper water column of the flooded open pit – pending suitable water quality);*
- *Raise the spillway invert to further increase the depth of the TMA water cover (this action would require a widening of the spillway to continue to allow for passage of the probable maximum flood); or*
- *Raising the dam crest, as well as the spillway invert to further increase the depth of the TMA*

water cover.

In development of the above contingencies, trigger levels would be developed for implementation of the contingencies. the following:

- *Periodically pump water from the Pinewood River during spring freshet, or during other high water periods, to maintain the TMA post closure water cover within an optimal zone (alternatively water could be periodically pumped to the TMA from the upper water column of the flooded open pit – pending suitable water quality);*
- *Raise the spillway invert to further increase the depth of the TMA water cover (this action would require a widening of the spillway to continue to allow for passage of the probable maximum flood); or*
- *Raising the dam crest, as well as the spillway invert to further increase the depth of the TMA water cover.*

In development of the above contingencies, trigger levels would be developed for implementation of the contingencies.

In the fall of 2017, the Rainy River Project transitioned from a construction to operational state. Currently this condition doesn't apply as the mine and Tailings Management Area (TMA) are not in a closure state. However, New Gold intends to have a 2m water cover over the tailings as discussed in the Mine Closure Plan.

Condition 51

Mitigation measures that will be used to reduce potential adverse effects to the Pinewood River aquatic system will include the following:

- *Extensive contact water recycling for process plant needs to reduce overall water demands and to minimize final effluent discharge volumes to the Pinewood River;*
- *Use of SO₂/Air treatment for cyanide destruction and heavy metal precipitation in the process plant followed by extended effluent aging in the TMA pond and in the water management pond to achieve the highest quality effluent reasonably achievable;*
- *Use of a constructed wetland system for final effluent polishing of a major portion of the discharge;*

- *Management of the site for ARD control during operations and following closure to prevent adverse water quality impacts to the Pinewood River;*
- *The DFO (DFO) Freshwater Intake End-of-Pipe Guidelines will be followed as mitigation for potential fisheries effects associated with water intakes;*
- *Construction of the Pinewood River Highway 600 re-alignment crossing (bridge or culverts) in a manner that does not restrict fish passage;*
- *Maintaining current fish habitat productivity; and*
- *Implementation of an extensive monitoring plan for water quality and flow discharges, and receiving water aquatic life and habitat.*

RRM maximizes water recycling for ore processing and treats excess water for release to the environment to remain below the normal operating water level of all site dams in preparation for storm events and spring freshet. In 2021, 100% of the water use for the mill came from three sources: TMA, MRP and South Pond (pit). The RRM site water balance informs the annual site discharge target.

In 2022, RRM discharged from 3 final discharge points a total of 4,845,031 m³ to the Pinewood River. Prior to deposit in the TMA, process plant effluent and tailings pass through an in-plant slurry cyanide destruction (SO₂/Air) treatment facility. Effluent is aged in the TMA before transfer to the Water Treatment Train for treatment. Treated effluent is further aged in the WMP and is either discharged directly to the environment or sent for further treatment, dependent on water quality. Prior to closure, a Constructed Wetland will be developed for final effluent polishing at closure.

The East and West Mine Rock Stockpiles have perimeter ditching to collect seepage and runoff to contain potential ARD. A seep monitoring program has started 2021 for all stockpiles, and insitu monitoring equipment is being installed to monitor ARD potential and development in the East Mine Rock Stockpile.

The DFO Freshwater Intake End of Pipe Guidelines were implemented at RRM in 2016 during the construction of the Pinewood River pumphouse. Fish screens were also installed on all construction dewatering pumps during the construction of diversion structures and culvert installations.

The construction of the Pinewood River crossing at Highway 600 was completed in 2016 and consisted of the installation of a clear span bridge with no in water work that would restrict fish passage.

RRM has an extensive aquatic resource monitoring program which includes the Pinewood Biological Monitoring Plan to monitor direct effects to fish in the Pinewood River. Monitoring of Pinewood River

water quality is conducted monthly as part of the Surface Water monitoring program. The Pinewood Hydrometric Monitoring program outlines monitoring for flow changes.

Condition 52

All final discharge points will have a point of control to immediately cease discharge. A control structure will be constructed at the discharge point of the treatment wetland to be in compliance with MMER. All discharge locations will be regularly sampled in accordance with environmental approval requirements and will provide insight as to ongoing treatment system performance.

All final discharge points are controlled by pump that is equipped with a calibrated flow measuring device. All final discharge points are sampled at the frequency required by MDMER and amended ECA 7004-BC7KQ5 during active discharge to assess compliance.

Condition 53

NG acknowledges the need to meet effluent criteria for any discharge to the environment. Excess water discharged to the environment will meet applicable Federal and Provincial guidelines for the protection of aquatic life, or other scientifically defensible alternatives, in the receiver, as well as any site-specific approval requirements.

Three approved effluent compliance points (EDL1, EDL2 and Sediment Pond 2) were active in 2022. All effluent met applicable Federal and Provincial guidelines for the protection of aquatic life, and ECA 7004-BC7KQ5 and ECA 3855-C4E3FF site-specific limits.

Condition 54

Minimize the number of final effluent compliance points as reasonable.

In 2022, there were three active effluent compliance points under amended ECA 7004-BC7KQ5, ECA 3855-C4E3FF and MDMER.

- Sediment Pond 2 Final Discharge Point was active for 136 days with a total discharge of 1,244,408 m³ to the Pinewood River.
- EDL1 (Water Discharge Pipeline) Final Discharge Point was active for 129 days with a total discharge of 2,618,608 m³ to the Pinewood River.

- EDL2 Final Discharge Point was active for 70 days with a total discharge of 982,021 m³ to the Pinewood River.

Condition 55—Completed October 2018

NG agrees to work with the MOE to develop a mutually acceptable minimum flow threshold, below which water from the Pinewood River would not be taken to build up the initial water inventory to support processing plant start up operations. Subject to approval(s), NG is proposing spring and open water flow thresholds of 10,000 m³/d and 5,000 m³/d, respectively, below which direct water taking from the Pinewood River downstream of McCallum Creek, would temporarily cease until river flows recover. The application of such flow restrictions would be based on day to day prorated flow data obtained from Water Survey of Canada (WSC) Station 05PC023.

Condition 56—Completed October 9th 2015; Upgraded December 2019.

The appropriateness of the use of the WSC station will be assessed as part of the operations planning, and if this station appears unsuitable, a separate dedicated flow monitoring station will be set up, either independently, or in association with the WSC.

Condition 57

Optimize the timing and positioning of final effluent discharges to the Pinewood River so as to limit the potential for adverse flow effects to the river.

Consistent with this commitment, there are four approved final effluent discharge locations per amended ECA 7004-BC7KQ5. Approval for eight temporary construction final effluent discharge locations per ECA 5781-9VJQ2J expired on May 8, 2018.

Condition 58

Subject to approval(s), NG is proposing to operate the final effluent discharge from both the Constructed Wetland and the pipeline discharge from the Water Management Pond, such that a minimum 1:1 receiver to final effluent mixing ratio would be maintained in the Pinewood River, with the understanding that receiver to final effluent mixing ratios of greater than 1:1 would be the norm.

The Constructed Wetland is scheduled for construction two years prior to closure. In the interim NG has constructed a treatment train that is consistent with the discharge criteria. It discharges at the same location along the Pinewood River as will the future Constructed Wetlands. The discharge is also consistent with the commitment of discharging from both the pipeline and the treatment train at mixing ratios of 1:1 into the Pinewood River.

Condition 59

NG commits to the discharge of effluents to the Pinewood River in a manner that will achieve rapid mixing within the river. If future operational monitoring shows that effective receiver mixing is not attained, NG commits to implement additional measures to enhance mixing to a level which is mutually acceptable to the MOE and NG. Such additional measures could include the use of rock groynes placed on either side of the channel to force mid- channel mixing and use of boulder clusters to increase flow turbulence within the mixing zone.

Installation of two duckbill diffusers and riverbed armouring, effluent mixing structures (EMS), were installed in the Pinewood River at EDL1 (EMS1) in December 2019 and at EDL2 (EMS2) at the Loslo Confluence in September 2020. Improvements were completed at EMS1 in August 2020 as a result of inspections after spring 2020 discharge was completed, which were also applied to the construction of EMS2.

Condition 60 to 65 Fish

Condition 60

Scheduling of RRM development activities will consider environmental aspects, such as fish spawning.

Since 2015, Rainy River Mine activities and mitigation measures previously implemented to consider environmental aspects such as fish spawning;

- No Construction activities occurred near fish bearing waterbodies.
- In 2022 no fish salvage occurred as no in-water work was required

Condition 61

A No Net Loss Plan and compensation strategy will be developed and implemented by NG to create new like for like habitats as project compensation and/or enhance existing restoration programs, to offset the RRM habitat losses.

To offset habitat loss New Gold has currently completed the following:

- Ownership and maintenance of over 1800 ha of Overall Benefit Land to compensate for the loss of Bobolink and Whip-Poor-Will habitat during construction.
- Completion of the water diversion structures and ponds to offset for the loss of fish habitat in the former Loslo Creek, Marr Creek, West Creek, Clark Creek and Teeple Drain systems. Monitoring of the Clark and Teeple systems commenced in 2017, West Creek and Stockpile systems in 2018 and proved to support fish passage. Stockpile Pond did not fill with 2019 freshet and did not activate the remaining 50% of the Stockpile Diversion after filling the pond. A geotechnical investigating revealed that a compacted clay liner is needed in the pond to stop water from seeping under the Stockpile Dam but there is no guarantee that this will be 100% effective. With the loss of Stockpile Pond NG lacks 3.5 hectares of fish habitat, this habitat will be re-created on-site along with modifications to Stockpile Pond to encourage more reliable fish passage downstream in 2023/24. West Creek system and Teeple system have met the intent of DFO success criterion in 2022 and NG awaits written confirmation of this position. White Suckers were seen spawning as far up the West Creek pond and diversion systems as the lower end of the Stockpile Diversion. Northern Pike were observed in West Creek Diversion for the first time in 2022.
- Reclamation of Tait Quarry was completed in summer 2018.
- The first bench of the EMRS and batch plant locations were reclaimed in 2021.

Condition 62

Except where aquatic habitat will be overprinted (and compensated for as part of DFO authorizations) for project development, a 120 m buffer zone will be maintained adjacent to rivers and creeks to the extent practical, to protect watercourses and their associated vegetated margins.

Buffer zones are maintained by reducing tree clearing, grubbing and equipment access. New Gold regulates this by; providing construction contractors with maps of buffer zones, limiting the use of equipment around water courses, ensuring BMP are followed when sediment and erosion measures should be in place and confirming this during field inspections of work areas.

Condition 63

Fish flesh and fish organ tissue samples from the Pinewood River have been analyzed for metals for

walleye and northern pike in the baseline condition. A commitment has been made to continue to monitoring metals in these two fish species after mine start-up. Should there be future evidence to show that fish are being taken from the Pinewood River on a more regular basis and prepared as a food source, NG would be pleased to work with these fishermen to collect and analyze a reasonable sampling to reflect any applied methods of food preparation.

Large body fish tissue sampling did not occur in 2022 as it is meant to occur concurrent with MDMER and EEM sampling programs. New Gold has not been made aware of increased fishing in the Pinewood River and this program will occur again in 2023.

Condition 64

Fish tissue (dorsal muscle tissue and livers) sampling will include both northern pike and walleye. If contaminant concentrations increase over time, potential consumers and the applicable Provincial departments (MOE and MNR; MNR) would be informed and information related to increased health risks (if any) would be provided, as suggested.

Large body fish tissue sampling did not occur in 2022 as it is meant to occur concurrent with MDMER and EEM sampling programs. This program will occur again in 2023

Condition 65

Specific erosion and sediment control measures and their locations will be provided in the permit application documents once detailed design is completed to avoid direct impacts to fish during the mine construction phase.

During 2022, the Mine is no longer in the construction phase but in the operational phase. However, erosion and sediment control measures were in limited use and no work occurred that could have affected fish bearing water ways. All work occurred within site catchments.

Condition 66 to 75 Monitoring

Condition 66

Pond dams will be inspected at a regular interval by site employees for any visible signs of concern and particularly during and after major storm events. They will also be inspected periodically by a qualified

geotechnical engineer at an interval that meets regulatory requirements at a minimum.

Daily inspections were carried out by Mill Operators as per MIL-CND-SOP-0009 (targeting 2 inspections per shift).

A Dam Safety Review was conducted by SRK Consulting in 2021 which included an annual Dam Safety Inspection of the tailings and water management dams. The Dam Safety Inspection was conducted in June with the final report issued in December. The site Tailings Dam Engineer performed monthly inspections of all dam structures and additionally inspects after a major storm event (59 mm in 24 hour trigger).

Condition 67

Surface water: to be monitored during construction, operations and active closure phases, with post active closure monitoring expected to continue for a decade (or more) at reduced frequencies pending ongoing analysis of data

Surface water was monitored on a monthly basis per permit conditions at sites upstream and downstream of the project footprint in 2022. Results were consistent with baseline studies.

Condition 68

Proposed (subject to modification to ensure participation and data sharing is adequate to meet the expectations of Aboriginal groups) surface water sampling program would include a First Nation training component followed by a rotating schedule whereby a First Nation representative would accompany NG staff on the monthly surface water sampling program. Laboratory results will be received by NG, reviewed and submitted to the identified individuals of each participating First Nation along with a summary explanation.

Since 2015 New Gold has employed an Environmental Monitor from Big Grassy First Nation. This role includes environmental site monitoring including water sampling and access to training, mentorship and all data and results. The monitor is responsible to communicate with their community on a regular basis.

In 2019, New Gold hired a second Environmental Monitor, from Big Island First Nation. This role also includes environmental site monitoring including water sampling and access to training, mentorship and

all data and results. The monitor is responsible to communicate with their community on a regular basis. In the event of a water quality exceedance that doesn't meet the requirements of the Metal Mining Effluent Regulation or the Provincial Water Quality Objectives, New Gold does inform Aboriginal Communities via email and through communication at the Environmental Monitoring Board Meetings.

Condition 69

Sampling of sediments will take place to evaluate soil quality parameters prior to undertaking any further closure activities for any contact water ponds and drainage works (including stockpile sediment ponds) where breaching is proposed.

In 2016 a topsoil sampling program was completed which included a chemical analysis of soil to be used for closure and reclamation activities. The report identified best case topsoil harvesting locations and provided information on topsoil in Overall Benefit Lands.

In 202, sediment sampling for reclamation was not completed. As the mine progresses through its operations stage, New Gold intends to implement further sampling programs at contact water ponds and drainage works as per the Closure Plan.

Condition 70

NG staff is willing to describe the ongoing water quality program and provide freshet data on request. The water management plan for the RRM provides for the management of all site contact waters in accordance with accepted industry standards including periods of high runoff, and sequences of high precipitation years.

No requests were made in 2021. A monthly performance report which includes site discharge and surface water quality results is submitted to the MECP area office each month.

Condition 71

There will be no sediment ponds associated with the aggregate pit(s).

There were no sediment ponds associated with the Roen Road Pit, Outcrop 3, Laydown 4, or Tait Quarry in 2020. There is one runoff pond located adjacent to Outcrop 3 that is used to capture runoff from the equipment laydown. This Outcrop has since been overprinted by construction of the East Mine Rock Stockpile. During the detailed design stage it was determined that a settling pond may be

required to ensure high quality effluent from the Tait Quarry (to allow for ammonia degradation in situ and settling of suspended solids) and Provincial environmental approvals were obtained for this structure. During the operation of the quarry (2015 to 2017) groundwater was not generated and the settling pond was not required. Tait Quarry had undergone reclamation in 2018.

Condition 72 – Completed November 2015 to April 2016

Related to the transmission line:

- *Tree stumps, root mats and ground vegetation cover will be left intact to reduce the potential for surface erosion and to help maintain groundcover for plant and wildlife habitat*
- *Vegetation (shrub) screens will be left to the extent practical along the single creek crossing that exists between Beadle and Preachers Lake, near the east end of the alignment, for erosion protection, while ensuring clearance requirements for conductors*
- *No in-water work will be conducted and all poles will be placed above the high water mark*
- *Industry standard sediment interception and erosion control practices will be applied wherever appropriate / needed*
- *Should any erosion of the ground be identified at the end of the construction period (or during any intervening inspections), the exposed area would be re-seeded or otherwise stabilized to control erosion until native vegetation takes hold. If the erosion is more severe, other methods such as placement of straw matting or equivalent will be used*
- *Where required in larger quantities, construction materials will be stored a minimum distance of 200 m from any open (non- frozen) surface water, and from major access points; and*
- *Fueling and maintenance of vehicles will not occur within 50 m of surface waterbodies.*

Condition 73

As a result of the independent First Nation review of the Final Environmental Assessment report, NG committed to a joint water quality monitoring and reporting program with the area First Nations (including Big Grassy River First Nation; BGRFN) as part of the existing monthly water quality monitoring program which is currently carried out by NG. The program will be funded by NG and form an integral part of the overall environmental management program as it relates to First Nations traditional knowledge and assurances of maintaining water quality and by extension, aquatic biota protection. The program will be developed jointly with the First Nations in lead-up to the initiation of mine construction. (Letter to Chiefs from Kyle Stanfield, October 2013).

Since 2015 New Gold has employed an Environmental Monitor from Big Grassy First Nation. This role includes environmental site monitoring including water sampling and access to training, mentorship and all data and results. The monitor is responsible to communicate with their community on a regular basis.

In 2019, New Gold hired a second Environmental Monitor, from Big Island First Nation. This role includes environmental site monitoring including water sampling and access to training, mentorship and all data and results. The monitor is responsible to communicate with their community on a regular basis. In the event of a water quality exceedance that doesn't meet the requirements of the Metal Mining Effluent Regulation or the Provincial Water Quality Objectives, New Gold does inform Aboriginal Communities via email and through communication at the Environmental Monitoring Board Meetings.

Condition 74

NG has committed to provide a program of close coordination with Rainy River First Nations in support of the pre-existing First Nation Watershed Program and water quality protection. Company funding will be provided as part of the fisheries compensation program to further water quality enhancement programs for the Pinewood and similar agriculturally impacted waterways.

Since 2015 New Gold has employed an Environmental Monitor from Big Grassy First Nation. This role includes environmental site monitoring including water sampling and access to training, mentorship and all data and results. The monitor is responsible to communicate with their community on a regular basis. In the event of a water quality exceedance that doesn't meet the requirements of the Metal Mining Effluent Regulation or the Provincial Water Quality Objectives New Gold does inform Aboriginal Communities via email and through communication at the Environmental Monitoring Board Meetings. Starting in 2015 each fall, New Gold hires an independent consultant who is responsible for conducting a fish tissue sampling program in the Pinewood River downstream of the site. The purpose of the study is to assess metal accumulation in walleye and northern pike tissue which are sport fish traditional consumed by First Nation people in the Rainy River District. New Gold has allowed opportunity for First Nation Community Members to participate in the study as well as the onsite Environmental Monitor from Big Grassy First Nation. Results from this study are communicated through the Environmental Monitoring Board.

In 2018, Rainy River First Nations and Naicatchewenin First Nation began Independent Environmental Monitoring of water and fish in the local area. This monitoring will alternate to include soil, vegetation,

deer and fowl tissues. New Gold coordinates with the third party Independent Environmental Monitor in order to access the site and collect samples.

In 2019, New Gold hired a second Environmental Monitor, from Big Island First Nation. This role includes environmental site monitoring including water sampling and access to training, mentorship and all data and results. The monitor is responsible to communicate with her community on a regular basis. In the event of a water quality exceedance that doesn't meet the requirements of the Metal Mining Effluent Regulation or the Provincial Water Quality Objectives New Gold does inform Aboriginal Communities via email and through communication at the Environmental Monitoring Board Meetings. During 2020, both Environmental Monitors remain in their roles at RRM and continue to carry out the duties listed above.

Condition 75 – Completed December 2020

To help limit the exposure of potentially acid generating materials to this base drainage through the former Clark Creek channel zone, a layer of non- potentially acid generating rock will be placed in the former creek channel bed area.

Completed

During 2020, non-acid generating rock was placed into the remnant Clark Creek channel system up until the wick-drain zone at the edge of the stockpile. This wick drain zone was completed in 2020 and non-acid generating material continued to be placed up the channel to the edge of the stockpile.

Condition 76 to 81 Groundwater

Condition 76

Groundwater: to be monitored during construction, operations, and active closure phases, with post active closure monitoring expected to continue for a decade (or more) at reduced frequencies pending ongoing analysis of data.

In 2022, the RRM network of groundwater monitoring wells were monitored and sampled three times, at approximately 60-day intervals, in accordance with provincial environmental compliance approval conditions if not dry.

Condition 77

A groundwater level (flow) and quality monitoring program of regular sampling and dipping of dedicated

monitoring wells will be implemented to confirm that no area wells are affected by the mine. Furthermore, local well owners will be asked to participate in a well water quality program to monitor water quality in their wells.

In 2022, RRM groundwater monitoring wells were monitored and sampled for levels and water quality three times each when not dry. Data from 2022 was reviewed for trends to quantify effects of dewatering and other RRM activities. Updated 3-D Groundwater Model that was developed in 2020 and will be updated in this year (2023) as per ECA ECA 3855-C4E3FF has concluded that the extent of the simulated dewatering zone of influence has increased and may extend further to the west and southeast however does not extend as far east and south as previously modeled.

The offsite groundwater well monitoring program was initiated in 2017. Neighboring property owners are contacted each year to confirm they wish to continue with this voluntary monitoring program. Groundwater sampling of local wells were completed in 2022; results can be found in Appendix P.

Condition 78

If water quality or availability in local wells is compromised (by the RRM), NG is obligated to replace the system or offer water treatment systems to rectify issues related to water quality or availability shown to be caused by the mine.

As per the New Gold RRM Offsite Groundwater Monitoring Plan established in 2017, sampling of neighboring property owner wells continued in 2022. The Offsite Groundwater Monitoring Plan will continue for the life of mine. New Gold is committed to rectifying issues related to water quality or availability shown to be caused to the mine, and the Offsite Groundwater Monitoring Plan assists with determining the cause of issues related to water quality or availability in local wells; results can be found in Appendix P.

Condition 79

If local artesian wells stop flowing (related to the RRM), NG will need to provide and install a pump to replace the artesian flow used by the homeowner.

There were no reported effects on local wells related to the RRM in 2022.

Condition 80

A number of groundwater monitoring wells will be placed around the TMA and east mine rock stockpile and pond areas, as shown in Figure 13-3 of the Final EA Report. This groundwater monitoring network may be amended or expanded through the MOE approvals process. Water levels in these monitoring wells will be measured continuously with data downloaded semi- annually. Groundwater samples will be collected quarterly, as described in Section 13.6 of the Final EA Report.

Installation of additional groundwater monitoring wells (post baseline studies) started in 2015 and was completed in 2016 in accordance with Provincial Approval requirements.

In 2022, no replacement groundwater monitoring well was installed to the existing well. The groundwater monitoring wells were sampled three times in 2022, if not dry.

Condition 81

Mitigation measures that will be used to reduce potential effects on groundwater include the following:

- *Returning captured groundwater indirectly to the Pinewood River (after treatment and testing if necessary) during the period of mine operations to minimize potential flow effects to the river, especially during naturally occurring, low flow conditions;*
- *Using in-plant SO₂/Air treatment for cyanide destruction and heavy metal precipitation to optimize the quality of groundwater seepage associated with the TMA during operations and following mine closure;*
- *Managing the site for ARD control, both during operations and following closure to prevent adverse water quality impacts to the Pinewood River, including that associated with any groundwater seepage;*
- *Accelerating open pit inflow following mine closure, to the extent practicable, balancing the need for managing water quality*
- *and maintaining Pinewood River flows over the interim period until the pit can be completely flooded; and*
- *Implementing a monitoring plan for water levels, water quality and flow discharges, and receiving water aquatic life and habitat maintenance.*

RRM water management activities are consistent with this commitment:

- Water from mine dewatering activities is directed to the Mine Rock Pond and South Plant Site Pond for recycling or sent to the TMA to be treated to meet effluent quality regulations and

released at licensed final discharge locations.

- The Mill operates a cyanide destruction unit through which all tailings pass before.
- Runoff from the Mine Rock Stockpiles is captured by perimeter ditching.
- Runoff from the PAG dump reports to the Mine Rock Pond and is used for processing in the Mill.
- As RRM is still operating, the requirements for optimizing pit inflow at mine closure are not applicable currently. Both Surface Water and Groundwater Monitoring Plans were implemented in 2015 and continued through 2022.

Condition 82 to 126 Wildlife and Community

Condition 82

Monitoring of key terrestrial systems and Species at Risk (SAR) will occur during the construction and operations phase, with post closure habitat development and utilization by wildlife to continue at reduced frequencies consistent with SAR Permit requirements.

Monitoring of terrestrial systems and SAR during 2022 was compliant with environmental approvals and monitoring plan requirements. Eastern Whip-poor-will surveys (including acoustic audits) were conducted on the mine site and its periphery as required and additional Overall Benefit Area surveys were done to further inform the EWPW Habitat Management Plan. During 2015 New Gold RRM implemented a site wide wildlife monitoring program that allows employees and contractors to report any wildlife sightings on the project. Education regarding SAR is provided during site orientation. In the fall of 2016, a White-Tailed Deer Tissue monitoring program was implemented to establish a baseline for potential metal and cyanide accumulation in deer tissue. Samples are collected from hunters in the area as well as deer killed in vehicle collisions. The study continued in 2017 and 2018. During 2021 the deer tissue collection program ran and the report was not complete at time of printing but will be available upon request in 2023. The updated White-Tailed Deer Tissue Monitoring Report will be included as an appendix in the 2023 ACR. Avian SAR monitoring was done as per ESA permit Appendix H.

Condition 83 – Completed December 11, 2014

Puffballs: NG and AMEC would be happy to receive photos and/or samples of this species and have AMEC experts identify it. If AMEC experts are unable to identify the species they will consult with staff

at the Royal Ontario Museum or the Canadian Museum of Nature.

Condition 84 – Completed Summer of 2014

Rare plant surveys are proposed to be carried out along portions of the preferred transmission line corridor in late Spring / early Summer, 2014. Prior to transmission line construction, additional data collection will be undertaken for that portion of the proposed transmission line routing (Alternative A) west of Highway 71, where there is a baseline data gap for rare plants surveys. This additional data collection will be undertaken to support transmission line permitting, and would consist of the following activities, spread across a 2 km corridor (1 km on either side the transmission line): transect surveys for vegetation communities including surveys targeting the presence of rare plant species. Results will be made available to MNR once the report is complete and the report will be referred to in the Errata.

Condition 85

The principal mitigation measures that are proposed to limit short and long term adverse effects to local vegetation communities include:

- *Minimizing dust production along primary mine rock and overburden transportation routes by implementing dust suppression methods and thereby minimizing the zone of influence. Primary dust suppression methods will include road watering.*
- *Annual monitoring of dust deposition on vegetation adjacent to mine roads; and*
- *Active revegetation and encouragement of natural revegetation / recolonization of disturbed areas as part of progressive reclamation during operation and active reclamation at mine closure.*

During 2022 the principal mitigation measures used to limit adverse effects to local vegetation included the use of water as dust suppressant on major haul roads and light vehicle roads during non-freezing conditions. Calcium chloride dust suppression was sprayed onto light vehicle and haul roads in 2022, as shown in Table 3 In addition, speed limits on and around site were in place. Primary and auxiliary aggregate crushers used chemical and water suppressant dispersed by spray bars during non-freezing conditions. Commercial traffic was limited to site access along the east access or Teeple Road.

Condition 86

In regards to the transmission line:

- *Additional rare plant and breeding bird surveys to be undertaken in May and June, 2014 to*

identify any further potential environmental constraints that might require construction modification, such avoidance of disruption to rare plant sites (if present) through site specific habitat protection measures

- *Undertaking transmission line construction in winter (normally December 1 to March 31) to better protect ground cover in sensitive areas where the protection of wetlands, rare plants and SAR is required, and completion of the remainder of transmission line construction in the late summer and fall, outside of the breeding bird season*
- *Vegetation removal will be reduced to the extent necessary to support construction activities and longer-term transmission line reliability (from interference with conductors and fall of adjacent hazard trees). Minimizing vegetation removal includes retaining existing low vegetation ground cover*
- *Access to the right of way (ROW) will be provided from existing infrastructure (some of which may need to be upgraded, as reasonable for personnel, material and equipment access), but no new permanent access roads are proposed. Generally, where access is poor, the ROW will be accessed along the ROW itself. Construction vehicles will not be allowed to travel through surface waters*
- *Mechanical means will be used for periodic vegetation height maintenance along the transmission line, instead of herbicides.*

Studies were completed during 2014 and the detailed design and construction plans are consistent with this commitment. Clearing of the transmission line right of way occurred in late November 2015 and the transmission line clearing was completed in April 2016. Some existing access roads required upgrading by adding road bedding material, but no new roads were constructed. Vegetation maintenance along the transmission line was done by mechanical means in 2022

Condition 87 – Completed 2016

Scheduling of RRM development activities will consider environmental aspects. Clearing of forests having a density of at least 10 cavity trees per hectare with a diameter at breast height greater than 25 cm will be limited to outside of the bat roosting season (April 1 to November 15) unless cleared by a bat biologist that has surveyed the trees for bat activity. Timing of the transmission line construction will be planned to avoid the breeding bird and main tourist season, as possible.

During baseline monitoring it was determined by qualified professionals that the forest type to be

cleared did not qualify as bat habitat. Each year there is no tree clearing from May 1 to August 15 (breeding bird window). Clearing of the transmission line right of way was initiated in late November 2015 and completed by April 2016. Vegetation maintenance did occur in 2022 but outside of the breeding bird window and none of the vegetation would have qualified as bat habitat.

Condition 88

Wildlife awareness information will be included in regular safety and environmental inductions performed by the mine, along with SAR identification and sensitivities, permit conditions and cultural awareness. Wildlife sighting logs or information boards will be installed to notify workers of local bear, wolf or other large mammal or furbearer observations. Workers and contractors will be made aware of seasonal changes in local mammal behavior or presence in proximity to the mine. Food wastes generated on site will be managed in a manner that limits the attraction of wildlife, such as Black Bear.

In 2015 New Gold RRM incorporated wildlife awareness, avoidance and SAR information to the site orientation that is still delivered to all employees and contractors. Also during 2015 a no tolerance policy was implemented related to feeding and harassing wildlife onsite. This policy remains in effect. Regular site wide bulletins and during "tool box" talks employees are reminded about the importance of following this policy as well as reporting wildlife sightings. During 2022 New Gold RRM continued to promote the onsite wildlife reporting procedure. Documented sightings are recorded in a GIS based mapping program. The program allows visual representation on a site map in where sightings have been reported. This information is helpful in answering a number of scientific questions related to wildlife adaptation.

Condition 89

All staff and contractors will be provided with training in animal encounters as part of the site orientation process.

The site orientation program includes information regarding wildlife awareness and wildlife encounters. Wildlife awareness information is also provided on an ongoing basis during field-based inspections of construction areas, and in "tool box" meetings

Condition 90

Road-killed animals or any other carcasses found onsite will be removed in a timely manner to limit the attraction of wildlife.

The limited number of road-killed animals / carcasses found within the RRM during 2022 were disposed of in an area of the mine site with limited to no human interaction or buried.

Condition 91

A wildlife monitoring program will record the efficacy of these avoidance measures (will evaluate the effectiveness of the methods implemented) and annual reporting to EC and the MNR will provide the information requested by the reviewer. NG will provide opportunities to Aboriginal groups to receive the annual reports.

In May 2016 the Wildlife Monitoring Plan for the RRM was accepted by the MNRF. During 2022 the following monitoring was required from the Follow up Monitoring Plan. Monthly SAR and wildlife sightings still collected as well as a site mortality list. Breeding bird and EWPW surveys were done, fish tissue and habitat studies were undertaken.

Condition 92 – Completed May 2016

A more detailed wildlife follow-up monitoring plan will be developed through consultation with the MNR and EC. As suggested by the reviewer, additional control sites around the periphery of the mine footprint can be developed and monitored following mine construction and periodically throughout mine operations. A draft plan will be issued to MNR and EC prior to commencement of construction. NG will provide opportunities to Aboriginal groups to participate in the development of the plan.

In February 2016 a final version of the Wildlife Monitoring Program for the project was submitted to MNRF. New Gold RRM started to implement the program during 2016. Wildlife Monitoring Program Submissions to MNRF are as follows; Version 1; January 22, 2015, Version 2; April 20, 2015; Version 3; July 9, 2015, Version 4; July 30, 2015, Version 5; February 3, 2016 (final). The plan was accepted in May 2016.

Condition 93

The use of exclusion fencing for reptiles and amphibians will be added as a mitigation measure during construction and operations. The placement of fencing will be decided upon through consultation with

the MNR and EC.

In 2019 over 14 kilometers of exclusion fencing was installed along the footprint of the Tailings Management Area Water Management Pond and Water Discharge Pond. New Gold RRM obtains a scientific research license from MNRF each year which allows for the live trapping and relocation of reptiles that may be impacted by activities on site. Fencing remains up and is monitored at least once a month.

Condition 94 – Completed April 2016

In regards to the transmission line:

- *Construction crews will be advised not to interfere with or harass wildlife. No hunting or fishing by construction crews will be allowed. Disciplinary actions will be taken should either occur;*
- *Contractors will be required to handle food and food wastes in a responsible manner, and to educate workers to ensure no feeding of wildlife; and*
- *Should any nuisance wildlife be encountered which pose a risk to construction crews, the MNR will be contacted for direction.*

Condition 95

The primary mitigation strategies for limiting adverse effects to wildlife will include:

- *Preventing hunting from occurring on all lands owned by NG (required for the safety of workers; this is currently ongoing during exploration as well);*
- *Maintenance to the extent practical of a 120 m buffer zone adjacent to rivers and creeks to protect watercourses and their associated vegetated margins;*
- *Restoration of disturbed habitats at closure, including the development of habitats capable of supporting a diversity of wildlife species, including ungulates, large predators, furbearers and bats;*
- *Enforcement of speed limits along proposed mine access roads to reduce the potential for collisions with ungulates. Signs warning drivers of the possibility of wildlife encounters will be posted in areas of high wildlife activity. A log of collisions will be kept monitoring the effectiveness of the proposed mitigation and additional mitigation measures will be implemented if necessary:*
- *Inclusion of wildlife awareness information into regular safety and environmental inductions*

performed by the mine. Workers and contractors will be made aware of seasonal changes in local deer or large mammal behavior or presence in proximity to the mine. Workers and contractors will be made aware of seasonal changes in local mammal behavior or presence in proximity to the mine;

- *Treatment of the tailing's slurry to levels equal to or less than 1mg/L weak acid dissociable cyanide before deposition in the TMA (which is well below the 50 mg/L weak acid dissociable cyanide threshold criteria outlined by the International Cyanide Management Code);*
- *Fencing the TMA to prevent access;*
- *Covering the exposed tailings beach at closure with a layer of overburden and flooding the remaining tailings with a layer of water to prevent the tailings from oxidizing over the longer term. This will ensure that the tailings pond waters remain of high quality, such that they will not pose a threat to wildlife. The margins of the tailings pond will develop as wetland habitat;*
- *Minimizing dust production along primary haulage routes by implementing dust suppression methods and thereby minimizing the RRM zone of influence; and*
- *Disposing of food wastes generated on site in a manner that limit the attraction of wildlife, such as Black Bear and wolves*

The following mitigation strategies applied during 2022:

Hunting did not occur on site except for required trapping of nuisance beavers. Buffer zones were maintained around fish bearing waterways and where necessary temporary erosion control products were installed. New Gold RRM has installed speed limit signs on site roads and have implemented a site wide no tolerance policy for speeding which is enforced by radar.

Wildlife crossing signs have been installed at six locations on the mine site to reduce vehicle collisions with wildlife. These locations were chosen based on the number of wildlife sightings reported in those areas. Regular bulletins regarding wildlife are emailed and posted on site. A log of collisions resulting in wildlife mortality is kept and can be found in Appendix XX the annual report. Wildlife awareness training is provided to all contractors and employees during site orientation.

Regular effluent sampling has shown WAD cyanide in tailings generally reaches the Tailings Management Area (TMA) at 1 mg/L or below. Nearly 15 kilometers of fencing was installed around the footprint of the TMA. Tailings currently remain submerged as much as possible and will be submerged and covered with overburden at closure. The RRM follows a Best Management Plan for dust suppression that was developed and approved by the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change in

2016. Food waste is removed on a frequent schedule and stored only in waste bins with lids until removed.

Condition 96

Mitigation measures that will be used to reduce potential adverse effects to amphibians will include the following:

- *Development of a compact RRM site to reduce overall habitat loss and to limit potential adverse effects related to sound emissions to the extent practical,*
- *Restricting the clearing of terrestrial amphibian breeding habitats to periods outside the amphibian breeding season as directed by the MNR,*
- *Implementation of sound abatement strategies to dampen sound infiltrating habitats surrounding high traffic areas of the mine,*
- *Enforcement of speed limits along proposed mine access roads to reduce the potential adverse effects of increased vehicular traffic associated with the RRM. Signs warning drivers of the possibility of wildlife encounters will be posted in areas of high wildlife activity. A log of collisions will be kept to monitor the effectiveness of the proposed mitigation and additional mitigation measures will be implemented if necessary;*
- *If frog mortality on roadways is found to be a problem along mine access roads or the realigned Highway 600, silt fencing may be installed to prevent frogs from crossing the road and may direct them to the nearest culvert(s).*

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- *Inclusion of wildlife awareness information into regular safety and environmental inductions performed by the mine. Workers and contractors should continually be made aware of seasonal changes in local wildlife behavior or presence in proximity to the mine,*
- *Treatment of tailings slurry containing cyanide and associated heavy metals from the ore leaching process in the process plant using the SO₂/Air process before being discharged to the TMA,*
- *Discharge of effluent that will result in protection of aquatic life standards in the Pinewood River so that no adverse water quality effects to amphibians are anticipated,*
- *Maintenance of generally abiotic conditions within the TMA to discourage wildlife presence, and-*

Covering the exposed tailings beach at closure with a layer of overburden and flooding the remaining tailings with a layer of water to prevent the tailings from oxidizing over the longer term.

This will ensure that the tailings pond waters remain of high quality such that they will not pose a threat to wildlife. Margins of the tailings pond will be developed into wetland habitat.

During the planning state of the project consideration into the size of the project site was taken into consideration and compaction of the site footprint was achieved as best possible. During the spring and summer clearing restrictions are in place to protect both amphibians and birds. Noise monitoring is conducted and large equipment in the open pit is maintained to reduce sound emissions. In 2015 New Gold RRM implemented and in 2022 continued site wide speed limits and a no tolerance to speeding policy which remains in effect. Wildlife crossing signs were also installed during 2016 on project roadways known for high concentrations of wildlife. Visual observations made along project roadways did not show and increase in frog mortality.

Wildlife awareness training is provided to all contractors and employees during site orientation. Bulletins regarding wildlife awareness are made throughout the year. The SO₂ system is online and operational to treat tailings before they leave the Mill.

During 2022 all effluent discharged to the environment achieved guidelines for protection of aquatic life or better. Generally abiotic conditions exist within the TMA. Cell one and two are no longer separated from Cell three as of late 2022, the TMA is now one unseparated mass.

A wildlife exclusion fence was installed and monitored around the TMA, WMP and WDP in 2019.

Condition 97

Generally abiotic conditions will be created within the fenced TMA during operations to limit the interest of the pond to waterfowl.

Water quality is considered to be abiotic based on weekly testing results and periodic acute toxicity sampling. To the extent possible, the TMA has been cleared of trees and the area is monitored daily for birds which are hazed with bangers when present.

Condition 98

Scheduling of RRM development activities will consider environmental aspects, such as fish spawning and bird nesting seasons. Tree and woodland clearing will be restricted to periods outside of the breeding bird season (May 1 to August 15). Clearing or modification of known Trumpeter Swan breeding habitat will be restricted to outside the breeding season (March 15).

All scheduling of site activities during 2022 was in full consideration of environmental aspects and no known timing conflicts occurred.

Condition 99

A monitoring plan will be developed for Common Nighthawk and Eastern Whip-poor-will, in partnership with the MNR, EC and interested First Nation Communities including the standardized information suggested well as a mortality trigger that will be decided upon during consultation with the MNR and EC, and in consideration of conditions under the Net Benefit Permit being developed by the MNR.

ESA FF-C-001-14 dictates and outlines a monitoring plan that has been followed since 2014. The need for over 1800 hectares of Overall Benefit Land was identified which New Gold has purchased and maintained since early 2015. This permit did not dictate a mortality trigger and to date no EWPW or BOBO have been found dead on site. The permit was developed with EC, MNR and other stakeholders. MECP is now overseeing the ESA file for Ontario as of 2019-04-01.

Condition 100- Completed September 19th, 2014.

Breeding bird surveys are proposed to be carried out along portions of the preferred transmission line corridor in late Spring / early Summer, 2014. Prior to transmission line construction, additional data collection will be undertaken for that portion of the proposed transmission line routing (Alternative A) west of Highway 71, where there is a baseline data gap for breeding bird surveys. This additional data collection will be undertaken to support transmission line permitting and would consist of point count surveys for breeding birds between late May and early July, spread across a 2 km corridor (1 km on either side the transmission line). Results will be made available to MNR once the report is complete. NG will provide opportunities to Aboriginal groups to receive the survey results.

Condition 101

The primary mitigation strategies for limiting adverse effects to birds and habitat:

- *Inclusion of wildlife awareness information into regular safety and environmental inductions performed by the mine. Wildlife sighting logs or information boards will be installed to notify workers of local observations. Workers will be made aware of seasonal changes in local animal behavior or presence in proximity to the mine,*
- *Minimizing the level of potentially disturbing activities near any known or subsequently discovered active raptor and raven nest sites until the nest is vacated,*
- *Annual monitoring of the Bald Eagle nest in Woodland 122 to determine seasonal eagle activity at the nest site which will guide RRM activities occurring in proximity to the nest. Should eagles continue to use the nest site and raise offspring, work will be adjusted appropriately to reduce adverse effects to the breeding success of the local pair,*
- *Maintenance of a safe distance between RRM activities and the nest as well as maintenance of landscape buffer areas (preferably forested or natural) between the activity and nest trees. To avoid disturbing nesting Bald Eagles, no buffer is necessary around nest sites outside of the breeding season once the juvenile eagles are known to have vacated the defined significant wildlife habitat.*
- *Limiting less typical activities in proximity to the nest site during the nest building and breeding season. The local eagle pair appears tolerant of agricultural activities and road grading.*
- *Environmental induction programs and ongoing environmental updates provided to workers will make them aware of Bald Eagle nesting activities prior to the commencement of new or irregular activities in proximity to an active eagle nest (within 500 m), and having them observe proper protocol in order to avoid disturbance during these activities;*
- *Restriction of tree and woodland clearing to periods outside of the breeding bird season which extends between May 1 and August 15;*
- *Protection of suitable breeding habitat as a result of the provision of compensatory habitat for species protected under the Endangered Species Act;*
- *Restoration of disturbed habitats at closure to habitats capable of supporting a diversity of wildlife species;*
- *Implementation of sound abatement strategies;*
- *Enforcement of speed limits along proposed mine access roads to reduce the potential adverse effects of increased vehicular traffic associated with the RRP. Signs warning drivers of the possibility of wildlife encounters will be posted in areas of high wildlife activity. A log of collisions will be kept to monitor the effectiveness of the proposed mitigation and additional mitigation*

measures will be implemented if necessary

Since the start of construction in 2015 New Gold has been implementing a no tree cutting policy during the breeding bird window. The project has also installed speed limit signs on project roads and has implemented a radar system for speeding. In the summer of 2016 wildlife crossing signs were installed at six locations on the project site to help reduce the potential for vehicle collisions with wildlife.

Monitoring logs of reported wildlife collisions have been kept although there is room to improve on the reporting strategy as not all small animals (squirrels) are reported. By the end of 2017 there were two reported Bald Eagle's nests more than a kilometer from the infrastructure footprint of the mine but none within that footprint. No new nests were discovered in 2022.

Acoustic modeling is done annually in an effort to see what sound abatement may be necessary. No additional abatement has been deemed necessary. The rehabilitation plan for Tait Quarry involves creating suitable Whip-Poor-Will habitat. The site was fully rehabilitated by Summer 2018.

During the baseline studies for the Rainy River Mine no known Trumpeter Swan breeding habitat was identified in areas where clearing was necessary. Trumpeter Swans were seen in 2021 to have raised 3 Cygnets in and around Sediment Pond 1. Sediment Pond 1 captures water from the overburden dump only and is of sufficient quality to be discharged directly to the environment.

In 2015 New Gold ramped up the waste management program by obtaining bins with lids and in some cases locking mechanisms. Lids on garbage disposal bins have been effective in deterring birds however there have been some bear encounters. The Environmental Department has been actively working with the MNRF Bear Technician in Fort Frances to find effective methods to reduce black bear encounters. During 2022 there was a marked decrease in instances of bears being attracted to waste compared to the previous year. In 2020 two problem bears were relocated which may have been a factor in the decrease. In 2022, five Environmental Department members remain certified to trap and transport black bears. Carcasses from wildlife killed on roads is removed and disposed of in approved locations within the project boundary where people do not frequent, or the carcasses are buried. Acute toxicity testing of tailings effluent within the TMA supports abiotic conditions.

Condition 102- Completed April 2016

With regards to the transmission line:

- *Additional rare plant and breeding bird surveys to be undertaken in May and June 2014 to identify any further potential environmental constraints that might require construction modification, such avoidance of disruption to rare plant sites (if present) through site specific*

habitat protection measures,

- *Tree clearing to take place outside of the breeding bird nesting season, defined as the period from May 1 to July 31,*
- *Undertaking transmission line construction in winter (normally December 1 to March 31) to better protect ground cover in sensitive areas where the protection of wetlands, rare plants and SAR is required, and completion of the remainder of transmission line construction in the late summer and fall, outside of the breeding bird season,*
- *Direct impacts to raptor nesting areas will be avoided. There are currently no stick nests on or near the proposed ROW. Should any stick nests be identified during construction, the area will be avoided until a qualified avian biologist can be contacted for direction,*
- *Conductor wire separation distances will be sufficiently far apart to preclude larger avian species, particularly raptors which frequently use hydro pole for perching or nesting, from electrocution by contacting two conductor wires simultaneously,*
- *Construction crews will be advised not to interfere with or harass wildlife. No hunting or fishing by construction crews will be allowed. Disciplinary actions will be taken should either occur, and*
- *Contractors will be required to handle food and food wastes in a responsible manner, and to educate workers to ensure no feeding of wildlife.*

Condition 103

The site will be rendered suitable for other compatible land uses and functions after the mine has closed and the land has been reclaimed. NG will encourage and, as practical, actively restore the RRM site to productive, naturalized vegetation communities on cessation of mining capable of supporting a diversity of wildlife species. RRM revegetation efforts at closure will include providing suitable habitat for SAR species, most notably whip-poor-will, and other species of interest, if practical.

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Condition 104

The RRM footprint has been altered through consultation with the MNR in order to further avoid known whip-poor-will territories where feasible, including maintenance of forest buffers between RRM components and whip-poor-will nesting and foraging habitat where practical. Provide compensatory whip-poor-will habitat that protects known territories and other identified suitable habitat. Where feasible, manage site lighting fixtures to reduce excess light production near whip-poor-will foraging areas, in order to minimize disturbing these nocturnal birds (with all appropriate health and safety issues considered).

The RRM owns and monitors over 1800 ha of Overall Benefit Land in accordance with the Provincial ESA permit ESA FF-C-001-14 since the start of construction. Site environmental inspections address location and use of light plants as possible while maintaining site safety aspects.

Condition 105

NG will implement a monitoring plan for Eastern Whip-poor-will populations and nesting in proximity to the proposed mine and transmission line sites, within compensatory habitat areas.

Continue funding external research programs in collaboration with the MNR in order to further our understanding of this poorly studied species, as part of a larger overall benefits compensation package required by the Endangered Species Act permit.

A monitoring plan was developed in 2015 and implemented as required during 2022 in accordance with ESA FF-C-001-14. New Gold retains trained biologists to conduct monitoring as per permit conditions. A draft of the EWPW Management plan was submitted to the MNRF in early 2019. As of 2019-04-01 the MECP is now the driving ministry for SAR and the ESA. After further discussion with MECP and assessment of data collected to date by qualified biologist, any physical alteration of EWPW OB land was not required during 2022. Monitoring will continue as per Appendix H of the ESA permit; habitat management will be conducted once MECP have approved the HMP and as construction timelines and the breeding bird window allow.

Condition 106

NG will implement a monitoring plan for Bobolink populations and nesting in proximity to the proposed mine site within compensatory habitat areas, and in appropriate control areas - developed through consultation with the MNR. Acquire and protect compensatory open country breeding bird habitat

suitable for Bobolink breeding at a ratio of 1:1 for open-country habitat removed for RRM development.

Overall Benefit Land has been provided in accordance with the Provincial ESA permit ESA FF-C-001-14 and the monitoring plan therein has been followed since 2015.

Condition 107

NG will identify Barn Swallow nesting colonies prior to mine construction. Establish zones where Barn Swallow colonization is desired, tolerated or not wanted. Create artificial nesting structures to encourage recolonization or new colonization by Barn Swallows in areas where farm structures are removed. Implement a monitoring plan for Barn Swallow populations in proximity to the proposed mine and transmission line sites and in appropriate control areas.

Four artificial nesting structures were put in place in April 2015, prior to the 2015 breeding season. During 2022, no nesting attempts were made on any structure.

Condition 108

Where feasible, RRM lighting fixtures will be directed in such a fashion as to reduce excess production of light to the surrounding environment (for Common Nighthawk and Short-eared Owl).

RRM site lighting fixtures are commonly used in areas close to the main process plant or on site infrastructure. Visual inspections of these areas are performed on a regular basis to ensure lighting fixtures are targeting work areas.

Condition 109

Monitoring of key terrestrial systems and SAR: during the construction and operations phase, with post closure habitat development and utilization by wildlife to continue at reduced frequencies consistent with SAR Permit requirements

The SAR permit No. FF-C-001-14 for the project was issued in November 2014 and the following spring SAR monitoring commenced in accordance with the permit. SAR monitoring has occurred annually between 2015 and 2018, the MNRF have received four annual monitoring reports. 2022 efforts were focused on EWPW OB lands and near site surveys and developing an EWPWHMP with the MECP.

Forest management in EWPW OB lands will be done after approval from MECP. A voluntary additional round of surveys in 2022 was done to attempt better targeting of locations that would benefit from management.

Condition 110

Mitigation measures that will be used to reduce potential adverse effects to Eastern Whip-poor-will will include the following:

- *Provision of compensatory whip poor-will habitat that protects known territories and other identified suitable habitat,*
- *Restricting the clearing of habitats to periods outside the breeding bird season which occurs from May 1 to August 15,*
- *Implementation of sound abatement strategies to dampen sound infiltrating habitats surrounding high traffic areas of the mine,*
- *Where feasible, management of site lighting fixtures to reduce excess light production near whip- poor-will foraging areas so as to minimize disturbing these nocturnal birds (with all appropriate health and safety issues considered), Maintenance of forest buffers between RRM components and whip poor-will nesting and foraging habitat where practical,*
- *Management of dust through dust suppression activities (best,management practices),*
- *Enforcement of speed limits along mine-controlled roads to reduce the potential adverse effects of increased vehicular traffic associated with the RRM. Signs warning drivers of the possibility of wildlife encounters will be posted in areas of high wildlife activity. A log of collisions will be kept to monitor the effectiveness of the proposed mitigation and additional mitigation measures will be implemented if necessary.*

Mitigation measures that will be used to reduce potential adverse effects to Eastern Whip-poor-will will include the following:

- *Environmental induction of RRM personnel, including SAR, identification and sensitivities, and knowledge of Endangered Species Act permit conditions,*
- *Implementation of a monitoring plan for Eastern Whip-poor-will populations and nesting in proximity to the proposed mine and transmission line sites, within compensatory habitat areas and in appropriate control areas, and*
- *Continue funding external research programs in collaboration with the MNR in order to further our understanding of this poorly studied species, as part of a larger overall benefits*

- *compensation package required by the Endangered Species Act permit.*

These measures have been implemented since 2015 and continued to date. New Gold RRM did fund a separate / independent research program as a requirement and in accordance with the ESA permit during 2014 and remains open to further research studies should the opportunity arise.

Condition 111

The primary mitigation strategies for limiting adverse effects to Bobolink will include:

- *Restricting the development of open country habitats to periods outside the breeding bird season which occurs from May 1 to July 31,*
- *Acquiring and protecting compensatory open country breeding bird habitat suitable for Bobolink breeding at a ratio of 1:1 for open-country habitat removed for RRM development,*
- *Enforcement of speed limits along mine controlled roads to reduce the potential adverse effects of increased vehicular traffic associated with the RRM. Signs warning drivers of the possibility of wildlife encounters will be posted in areas of high wildlife activity. A log of collisions will be kept to monitor the effectiveness of the proposed mitigation and additional mitigation measures will be implemented if necessary,*
- *Environmental induction of RRM personnel, including SAR identification and sensitivities and knowledge of Endangered Species Act permit conditions,*
- *Implementation of sound abatement strategies to dampen sound infiltrating habitats surrounding high traffic areas of the mine,*
- *Restoration of disturbed habitats at mine closure or encouraging development of habitats capable of supporting Bobolink and other open country species, and*
- *Implementation of a monitoring plan for Bobolink populations and nesting in proximity to the proposed mine site within compensatory habitat areas, and in appropriate control areas.*

Since the start of construction (2015) New Gold RRM has implemented the mitigation strategies listed in this commitment on site.

Condition 112

Mitigation measures that will be used to reduce potential adverse effects to Barn Swallows will include the following:

- *Identification of Barn Swallow nesting colonies prior to mine construction,*

- *Restricting habitat displacement for mine infrastructure to periods outside the breeding bird season which occurs from May 1 to August 15,*
- *Creation of artificial nesting structures to encourage recolonization or new colonization by Barn Swallows in areas where farm structures are removed,*
- *Restoration of disturbed habitats at closure or encouraging development of habitats capable of providing suitable Barn Swallow foraging habitat, Sound abatement strategies will be implemented to dampen sound infiltrating habitats surrounding high traffic areas of the mine,*
- *Establishment of zones where Barn Swallow colonization is desired, tolerated or not wanted. These measures may be necessary to prevent colonization in areas of high human or vehicular activity that would put swallows and swallow breeding success at risk or where order and cleanliness are desired. In this case, discouraging tactics may be implemented to discourage colonization. Conversely, protection may be provided to swallows nesting in other locations where their presence is encouraged and does not cause problems to mine operations,*
- *Enforcement of speed limits along mine controlled roads to reduce potential adverse effects of increased vehicular traffic associated with the RRM. Signs warning drivers of the possibility of wildlife encounters will be posted in areas of high wildlife activity. A log of collisions will be kept to monitor the effectiveness of the proposed mitigation and additional mitigation measures will be implemented if necessary, and*
- *Implementation of a monitoring plan for Barn Swallow populations in proximity to the proposed mine and transmission line sites and in appropriate control areas.*

The RRM began to monitoring barn swallows within the project prior to the construction phase (pre 2015) and implemented four artificial nesting structures in 2015, prior to the breeding season to offset the removal of existing farm structures. Monitoring of the success of the nesting structures has been completed over the past 7 years. 2016 was the first year that nesting attempts occurred in any of the structures, all structures went unused in 2017 and 2018. During 2019 two nesting attempts were made and one nest had two eggs laid in it. The eggs were later found to be missing and assumed to have been eaten by a predator. For 2022 no nesting attempts were made. As the mine continues, operations the need to establish zones where barn swallow colonization is desired, tolerated or not wanted will be taken into consideration as well as the need to provide additional nesting structures.

Condition 113

Mitigation measures that will be used to reduce potential adverse effects to all species of Special Concern and Provincially rare species will include the following:

- *Restriction of principal habitat displacement for mine infrastructure to periods outside the breeding bird season which MNR has indicated occurs from May 1 to August 15,*
- *Implementation of sound abatement strategies to dampen sound infiltrating habitats surrounding high traffic areas of the mine,*
- *Where feasible, RRM lighting fixtures will be directed in such a fashion as to reduce excess production of light to the surrounding environment,*
- *Establishment of zones where Black-billed Magpie colonization is desired, tolerated, or not wanted. These measures may be necessary to prevent colonization in areas of high human vehicular activity that could put magpie and magpie breeding success at risk. Discouraging tactics may be implemented to discourage colonization. Conversely, protection may be provided to magpies nesting in other locations where their presence is encouraged and does not cause problems to mine operations,*
- *Enforcement of speed limits along mine controlled roads to reduce the potential for adverse effects of increased vehicular traffic associated with the RRM. Signs warning drivers of the possibility of wildlife,*
- *Inclusion of wildlife awareness information into regular safety inductions performed by the mine.*
- *Workers will be made aware of seasonal changes in wildlife behavior or presence in proximity to the mine,*
- *Treatment of tailings slurry containing cyanide and associated heavy metals in the process plant using the SO₂/Air process before being discharged to the TMA, and*
- *Restoration of disturbed habitats at closure including the development of habitats capable of supporting a diversity of wildlife species, including Species of Special Concern and rare species.*

Since the start of construction New Gold RRM has been implementing a no tree clearing policy during the breeding bird season. RRM has also implemented sound abatement strategies through planning tree clearing in available areas of mine infrastructure, purchasing new equipment constructed with muffler systems and implementing preventative maintenance programs to ensure all equipment is operating adequately. In 2015 speed limit signs were posted on project roads and security was equipped with radar detection equipment. During the summer of 2016 wildlife crossing signs were installed at six locations to warn drivers of the possibility of wildlife encounters. Currently Black-billed

Magpie are found throughout the project site with no colonization in high vehicular activity or areas of concern. Currently there are no mitigation measures necessary. These measures have been implemented since 2015 as part of general orientation. Seasonal changes in wildlife behavior are communicated via bulletins and toolbox talks. Tailings have been treated as required since 2017-09-14. Progressive reclamation working towards closure is on-going, at the end of 2021 an approximate 125.3 ha of mine site is considered reclaimed. In 2022, approximately 1.6 ha of progressive reclamation occurred at the East Mine Rock Stockpile with vegetation efforts planned for 2023.

Condition 114 – Completed November to April 2016

Timing of the transmission line construction will be planned to avoid the breeding bird and main tourist season, as possible.

Condition 115

Traditional Knowledge/Traditional Land Use (TK/TLU) data has been widely collected for the RRM, including from the closest communities of BGRFN, Rainy River First Nations and Naicatchewenin First Nation. All TK/TLU sessions were community driven, meaning that the method of data collection was community specific. The majority of the data has been broad and overreaching, which NG will continue to respect as it serves as the basis for Aboriginal Persons unique relationship to the land. TK/TLU collection will continue; information collected will be appropriately considered for construction, operation and closure phases. For example, NG will further investigate the historical travel corridor and incorporate appropriately any new information that may become available. (Letter to Chiefs from Kyle Stanfield, October 2013).

No additional TK/TLU was provided in 2022.

Condition 116- Completed prior to January 15th 2015

NG will share results of the TK/TLU data sessions in a non- public First Nations forum(s). (Letter to Chiefs from Kyle Stanfield, October 2013).

Condition 117

NG has an open invitation for First Nations, the MNO and regional stakeholders to participate in all baseline and environmental monitoring programs, including Whip-poor-will, where appropriate and to share monitoring results. NG will continue to advise of the opportunity at public forums in order to

encourage anyone who's interested to participate. (Letter to Chiefs from Kyle Stanfield, October 2013).

As part of negotiated Agreements, New Gold funds two full time positions of Environmental Monitor from two First Nations. The role includes environmental site monitoring including water sampling and access to training, mentorship and all data and results. The monitor is responsible to communicate with their community on a regular basis. In the event of a water quality exceedance that doesn't meet the requirements of the Metal Mining Effluent Regulation or the Provincial Water Quality Objectives, New Gold does inform Indigenous Communities via email and through communication at the Environmental Monitoring Board Meetings. New Gold developed Environmental Monitoring Boards with Indigenous agreement holders as a method of communicating on permit applications and onsite environmental activities.

During the completion of baseline studies as part of the Environmental Assessment Permitting Process, New Gold retained the assistance of volunteers from a number of communities to participate in data collection. In 2015 and 2016 community members from Big Grassy participated in fisheries research projects.

Condition 118

Additional information related to Lake Sturgeon and the Rainy River First Nations management program as requested, was added to the Final EA Report. NG has committed to a program of close coordination with Rainy River First Nations in support of the pre- existing First Nation Watershed Program and water quality protection. Company funding will be provided as part of the fisheries compensation program to further water quality enhancement programs for the Pinewood and similar agriculturally-impacted waterways.

In 2017 the RRM Environmental Manager met with the Rainy River Stewardship Committee on a few occasions to discuss potential programs, however the Committee didn't pursue the option. New Gold also requested First Nation participation in the annual Fish Tissue Sampling Program in the Pinewood River (Fall 2017 and 2018) however aside from the onsite First Nation Environmental Monitor there was no additional participation. In 2019 NG had identified candidates to participate in the program, however the efforts were not successful as the candidate did not attend a first aid course and could not join the sampling. In 2020, 2021, and 2022, the COVID 19 pandemic prevented any further efforts.

Condition 119 – Completed March 3rd, 2014

NG will reach out to the Seven Generations Education Institute and/or the MNR to obtain any additional information on baseline health of animals and fish. (Letter to Chiefs from Kyle Stanfield, October 2013).

Condition 120

Aboriginal People will play an active role in the development of the mine Closure Plan, including development of the monitoring and mitigation programs. While the Closure Plan will be completed prior to construction, NG will consult on significant revisions periodically during operations to ensure incorporation of TK and best management practices. (Letter to Chiefs from Kyle Stanfield, October 2013).

New Gold provided information on planned administrative updates and application of the update at EMB meetings held in 2022 on January 13 and March 30. New Gold provided a copy of the filing letter for the Closure Plan Amendment and technical memo with details of the assessment to EMB and JIC members on May 17. New Gold provided information on the status of the application at EMB meetings held on June 22, July 5, and November 3.

Condition 121

Monitoring programs targeted at ungulates (moose, deer) will be coordinated with local Aboriginal people. (Letter to Chiefs from Kyle Stanfield, October 2013).

The Deer Tissue Monitoring Program was initiated in the Fall of 2016 and continued during 2017, 2018 and 2021. The intent of the project is to collect tissue samples to monitor for metal and cyanide accumulation. In 2016 Aboriginal Communities were consulted with regarding the program. Additional information related to monitoring programs and results are shared with Aboriginal Communities through Environmental Monitoring Boards. The Monitoring Boards are regular meetings organized by New Gold as an opportunity to provide project updates and environmental monitoring and sampling information. The Deer Tissue program will be run again in 2024 unless a need for increased frequency becomes apparent.

Condition 122- Completed October 1st, 2014

NG would be pleased to assemble a map showing the locations of the closest First Nation community water supply intakes on receipt of the locations/coordinates. (Letter to Chiefs from Kyle Stanfield, October 2013).

Condition 123

While the Draft EA has shown no impacts to Aboriginal or non- Aboriginal people's health, any new information that has a potential to impact health will be provided to Aboriginal people. (Letter to Chiefs from Kyle Stanfield, October 2013). Further, NG has committed to analyses ungulate organ meats voluntarily submitted to them by local hunters, with the results of any such analysis made available to local residents and Aboriginal communities.

No new information was obtained or new impacts predicted during 2022 related to the RRM that could affect the health of Aboriginal people. The Deer Tissue Monitoring Program was run in 2021 which is the fourth monitoring year of the program. The report was not complete at time of printing but will be available upon request in 2023. The updated White-Tailed Deer Tissue Monitoring Report will be included as an appendix in the 2023 ACR. New Gold would still welcome any submission of tissue for analysis and now holds a database with which to compare samples against.

Condition 124

NG will work with Aboriginal groups to ensure employee overall well-being. Programs to highlight the dangers of drug use combined with drug testing will be implemented. (Letter to Chiefs from Kyle Stanfield, October 2013).

Two Indigenous Community Coordinators have been employed by New Gold to act as a liaison to employees and is available to meet with employees. New Gold provides employee benefits and employee assistance programs to all staff and their families. New Gold also has seasonal ceremonies. Tobacco offering stations are available at the mine site. The roundhouse on site was used for the Spring and Fall ceremonies held on May 4 and October 12, 2022.

Condition 125

As a best practice and acting as a responsible neighbor, NG will notify local stakeholders of project activities as appropriate.

There were limited site tours provided in 2022; one of these included a tour for site neighbours. New Gold distributed one newsletter in 2022 throughout the Rainy River district on June 29. The second newsletter was delayed due to internal personnel changes and not released until January 30, 2023. Blast notifications are provided for any blasts that occur outside of the usual blast times or if the blast is

considered to be at a location that may impact the neighbours.

New Gold continues to meet with a local township to discuss further possible uses of waste created at the mine (January 25, September 27).

Condition 126

NG has and will continue to actively engage the MNR and local outfitters including those that hold the Bear Management Areas that will be affected by the RRM.

During 2022 two members of the New Gold Environmental Department completed the Problem Black Bear Management Course provided by MNRF. The total number of staff trained during 2022 was 5. New Gold again obtained an Authorization to Trap and Relocate Black Bears. No bears were required to be relocated in 2022. Regular discussions occur with the individual who holds the Bear Management Area in which the mine resides.

Condition 127 to 139 Community

Condition 127- Completed January 2015

NG will calculate the area of forest land that will be removed from the total forest land within BGRFN territory, utilizing public sources and provide this information to the First Nation on delineation of the traditional territory by the BGRFN.

Condition 128- Completed September 2014; updated December 2019

NG is consulting with First Nations and the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) on the Draft Closure Plan provided on March 19, 2014. NG has provided resources to these communities to undertake independent review the Draft document. Results of the independent review process will be used to help the Company develop any further commitments and/or mitigations to reduce potential impacts to Aboriginal and treaty rights. This process is expected to be completed concurrent with the conclusion of the EA process.

Condition 129

NG is open to discussing closure objectives in relation to the results of the Traditional Knowledge / Traditional Land Use (TK / TLU) study.

New Gold remains committed to providing access. No specific comments received in 2022.

Condition 130

NG is supportive of the further development of mitigation measures in relation to traditional hunting (and plant gathering), which could potentially involve:

- *Continuing to involve BGRFN members in the development of adaptive management techniques related to closure planning, including the rehabilitation of habitat for wildlife; and*
- *Restoring access to RRM lands following mine closure to the extent that such access is safe / possible.*

New Gold has a Participation Agreement with BGRFN that takes this commitment into consideration. The agreement was signed in January 2015.

Condition 131

NG has committed to provide members of the BGRFN, Big Island First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Naothkamegwanning First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation and Métis represented by the MNO Region 1 Consultation Committee, the ability to access certain lands that NG is able to make available for gathering of wild medicines, berries or other vegetation. Access will be coordinated with the Aboriginal communities.

NG remains committed to providing access to all areas of the site that are safe to do so. In 2022, site tours continued to be limited but will increase in 2023. The site accesses included:

- Spring Ceremony (May 4)
- TMA Tour for AON JIC Member (Aug 3)
- Fall Ceremony (October 12)
- Mine site tour for Naothkamegwanning JIC members (November 8)
- Mine site tour for AWZFN JIC members (November 15)

Condition 132

NG has committed to ensure that Aboriginal communities (including BGRFN, Big Island First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Naothkamegwanning First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation and Métis represented by the MNO Region 1 Consultation Committee)

have the ability to access the site for cultural and ceremonial purposes so that local Aboriginal people can undertake ceremonies at different times of the year to show respect for the land and its spiritual aspects. This will ensure that young people can participate in ceremonies and learn from elders and ceremonialists. Teaching through the generations will therefore be maintained.

New Gold remains committed to the opportunity for ceremony. New Gold hosts two ceremonies each year, one in Spring and one in Fall.

- Spring Ceremony - May 4, 2022
- Fall Ceremony - October 12, 2022

Condition 133- Completed April 2016

A detailed Fire Response Plan will be developed (Final EA Report, Section 8.2). This document will be made available for MNR review prior to construction initiation.

Condition 134

NG will engage with local stakeholders as appropriate to provide notification of project activities and to mitigate potential impacts as practical.

NG sent out one newsletter in 2022 and released the second newsletter late due to changes in personnel. An open house was held on December 2 at the New Gold Emo office. New Gold also participated in local career fairs and held resume and cover letter workshops.

Newsletters were distributed:

June 29, 2022 and January 30, 2023.

Career fairs were held:

- Thunder Bay – March 25 and 26;
- Thunder Bay – April 28 and 29;
- Naicatchewenin FN – May 5;
- Fort Frances High School – May 26;
- Naotkamegwanning FN – October 25;

Resume and Cover Letter Workshops were delivered;

- Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing – September 28;
- Couchiching FN - October 13 and 14;
- Naotkamegwanning FN – October 25;

- Big Grassy FN – November 15.

Condition 135 - Completed Fall 2015

Related to the transmission line: Compensation will be provided for merchantable timber value where applicable;

- *Maintain transmission line set back distances of not less than 100 m from area lakes to provide effective visual screening from open waters;*
- *Landscape screening to minimize the contrast in landscape character; for example by leaving shrub cover vegetation that will not affect the conductors (i.e., the wire) in the ROW at creek crossings; and Minimizing land use conflicts and concerns by consulting with other users and stakeholders (i.e., Aboriginal peoples, hunters, trappers, outdoor recreationalists) to identify and implement other means of conflict resolution.*

Condition 136

NG will implement a hiring policy that encourages employment of local workers, including members of human environment regional study area First Nations and Métis communities. Where feasible, goods and services will be procured from local and regional suppliers as well as suppliers that can further demonstrate Aboriginal employee content. Provide on the job Common Core training to assist local workers to develop mining-specific skills, and implement career training and development opportunities for employees once hired. NG will provide continuous, on the job safety training.

In 2015, NG implemented a Human Resource Strategy that focused on local employment which continued through 2022. As of December 31, 2022, 69.9% of New Gold employees were from the human environment regional study area. Local and Indigenous content is a consideration in all RFP's issued.

Training and development is provided to all operations employees to ensure legislated requirements are met.

New Gold RRP maintains the position of a business development officer who is available on staff to support local businesses in providing goods and services to the project. A career development officer is also employed by New Gold to ensure employees receive training and development as required.

Condition 137

NG will continue to engage with potentially affected stakeholders as the project develops, including those local and regional businesses which may provide accommodation facilities for the RRM workforce.

NG continues to send out newsletters and engage with local stakeholders. NG and its' contractors continue to engage with local businesses for accommodation as post-construction activities continue.

Newsletter distributions:

- June 29
- January 30, 2023

Local Ec Dev & business interest meetings:

- January 8
- January 13
- January 19
- January 25
- February 10
- March 1
- April 4
- April 7
- May 14
- May 18
- July 11
- August 23
- September 20
- September 29

Condition 138- Completed August 11th 2017

Fish habitat compensation will be provided onsite related to the Federal Fisheries Act. A portion of this compensation habitat, notably the Clark Creek, Clark Creek pond and Teeple pond, could potentially be provided to licensed bait fishermen.

Condition 139- Completed January 9th , 2015

NG respects BGRFN's Aboriginal and Treaty Rights, and is working with the community to develop a

collective agreement that will include mutually acceptable means for mitigation of accepted impacts.

Condition 140 to 166 Safety and Health

Condition 140

Where NG has control, commercially reasonable efforts will be made to work with Resolute, MNR and local loggers to facilitate the use of merchantable timber by local mills, in recognition of the importance of mills to the local economy.

Since 2015 the project footprint has been cleared under permits and authorizations granted from the MNRF. TMA extension logging activities occurred between January and March of 2022.

Condition 141

NG will make reasonable efforts to accommodate Resolute in providing access through NG lands to Crown lands over which Resolute has an interest provided that the access does not interfere with mine construction or operation; that the access does not put the safety and security of NG or Resolute personnel or property at risk; and subject to the prior execution of any land access agreement(s) which NG deems appropriate.

Since 2015 the project footprint has been cleared under permits and authorizations granted from the MNRF. TMA extension logging activities occurred between January and March of 2022.

Condition 142

As the mine approaches the end of mine life, NG will implement strategies to transition the workforce to buffer the effects of job losses, as well as an Adjustment Committee.

In 2021, HR worked on identifying initiatives to begin programs to help with transitioning the workforce. Work has begun on identifying succession plans, employee development plans, training initiatives and other work to support our employees. This work continued in 2022.

Condition 143

The health and safety of workers will be ensured by meeting applicable occupational health and safety legislation standards, as well as utilizing other best management practices for industrial hygiene hazard control as appropriate.

New Gold RRM strives to meet or exceed the Health and Safety Regulatory requirements. New Gold RRM provides and ensures that all workers have the necessary personal protection equipment (PPE) to protect against industrial hygiene exposures. Silica, Lead and Mercury awareness programs were developed to protect workers against exposure risks and establish medical surveillance protocols for the exposed workers. The safety department also ensures that workers receive appropriate training with regards to PPE. New Gold is also part of the Excellence Program administered by WSIB, ensuring that we have a well-developed H&S Management System.

Condition 144 – Duplicate of condition 123

While the Draft EA has shown no impacts to Aboriginal or non- Aboriginal people's health, any new information that has a potential to impact health will be provided to Aboriginal groups. (Letter to Chiefs from Kyle Stanfield, October 2013). NG has committed to analyses ungulate organ meats voluntarily submitted to them by local hunters, with the results of any such analysis made available to local residents and Aboriginal communities.

Condition 145

NG will work with Aboriginal groups to ensure employee overall well-being. Programs to highlight the dangers of drug use combined with drug testing will be implemented. (Letter to Chiefs from Kyle Stanfield, October 2013).

Two Indigenous Community Coordinators are employed by New Gold to act as a liaison to employees and are available to meet with employees. New Gold provides employee benefits and employee assistance programs to all staff and their families. New Gold also has seasonal ceremonies at the round house at site (open to members of local Indigenous communities) and established tobacco offering stations at the mine site. Additionally, ceremonies have been provided to employees by request though none were requested in 2022.

Condition 146

A blasting plan will be developed describing all proposed blasting operations at the RRM site. All personnel who handle explosives will have appropriate training; all other individuals will be restricted from access.

In 2022 RRM continued to follow the developed blasting plans which were consistent with this commitment. All personnel who handle explosives have the appropriate training. A locked fence with signage restricts access to the explosives mixing and storage areas.

Condition 147

Recognizing that safety of workers is paramount, NG will attempt to reduce light pollution as possible.

New Gold ensure night shift inspections are conducted and include laydowns and work areas. Light plants and general lighting are evaluated to ensure worker safety and to minimize associated pollution and impact on wildlife. In addition, all supervisors are trained in our reporting system (INX), such that nonconformances can be reported and addressed in a timely fashion.

Condition 148

The RRM has been designed to meet all applicable fire protection system requirements and codes. Regular fire drills will occur to ensure that all workers are familiar with fire response procedures, as dictated within the environmental management system. All workers and visitors on site will receive an orientation which includes fire reporting and response procedures.

All personnel on site receive a site orientation. The site has acquired a fire truck and an ambulance. An Emergency Response Team has been created and employee members have received training on how to respond to fires and other potential onsite emergencies. In order to prepare for major events, a tabletop exercise was conducted involving a fire scenario impacting the TMA area. Training is setup every Tuesday out of the firehall for the Emergency Response Team member which includes fire truck operation, firefighting, and walk-through scenarios for the site.

Condition 149

Should it be determined in the future that additional fire break is required, appropriate approvals will be obtained from the MNR.

The need for an additional fire break was not identified in 2022.

Condition 150

NG will ensure that safe access to properties is maintained during the construction and operation phases of the project. Once detailed plans are progressed, NG would welcome the opportunity to discuss further.

The site has a fully functional gate system at our main entrance on Korpi access for the mine as well as the TMA entrance. Gates were also installed at our Camp property on Atkinson Road. Entrances and site are monitored by surveillance cameras with night vision capacity and security perform regular rounds. Security has introduced new Bluetooth locks on remote gates to track usage and individual entries.

Condition 151

Any infrastructure, such as hydro services, that require relocation will be completed as expeditiously as possible, to minimize disruption to local users. It is currently envisioned that the disruption will only occur during the switchover from the existing to the (at that time) newly built line.

During 2021, RRM has realigned hydro lines to accommodate the new TMA buttress. In addition, new lines were installed around the site in order to minimize the use of portable generators. The work was consistent with condition 151. There was no additional electrification of light plants or pumps during 2022.

Condition 152 – Completed in 2017.

The re-aligned Highway 600 will be constructed by NG to MTO standards so that NG can pursue transfer of the road to the Province after construction.

Condition 153 – Completed in 2017.

NG has had extensive consultations with the MTO in Thunder Bay related to the RRM highway planning and will continue to discuss issues related to the Highway 600 re-alignment, and associated maintenance and safety issues with MTO, the Township of Chapple, Stratton, the Rainy River Valley Safety Coalition, school bus operators, utility companies and emergency response groups.

Condition 154 – Completed in 2016

A new East Access Road will connect Highway 71 with Roen Road by means of Korpi Road, to provide access for the general public, including to properties on Marr Road and for users of Crown land north of the site.

Condition 155-Completed in 2021

NG will schedule the delivery of major equipment at off peak times where practical and ensuring that heavy loads are sized appropriately and transported only on highways that have sufficient load capacities while observing half-load seasonal restrictions.

All inbound equipment that is oversized, follows all provincial ministry of transportation regulations. Very limited amount of oversized traffic during 2021 related to operations.

Condition 156-Completed in 2021

Only licensed suppliers and carriers will be selected for the supply and transport of hazardous materials to the RRM site. When suppliers are selected, Rainy River will share supplier handling and transport information with the MNO.

Has been implemented. Only licensed suppliers and carriers were selected for the supply and transport of hazardous materials to the RRM.

Condition 157-Completed in 2021

Drivers will be required to meet all applicable regulatory training requirements, be trained in spill response procedures for the materials they transport and carry the appropriate Material Safety Data Sheets.

Drivers for materials arriving on site must meet MTO requirements to operate commercial vehicles. All SDS sheets are available online on RR intranet for materials transported on site. Warehouse technicians have TDG training on October 3rd-2021.

Condition 158-Completed in 2021

Vehicles transporting materials to site will be required to maintain a supply of basic emergency response equipment, including communication equipment, first aid materials and a fire extinguisher,

where appropriate.

Remains compliant. All vehicles transporting materials to site must meet the MTO and CVOR requirements. To obtain operating licenses

Condition 159

Notification and/or reporting of any vehicular accidents and spills will follow Provincial (Ministry of the Environment) and other applicable requirements.

During 2022, there were no offsite incidents of vehicular accidents causing reportable spills. Each incident where a vehicle left the road was monitored during the vehicle removal for any spills.

Condition 160 – Completed April 2016.

With regards to controlling adverse traffic effects during transmission line construction:

- *Ensuring that NG employees and contractors / subcontractors adhere to posted speed limits and practical speed limits along the ROW;*
- *Contractors and their subcontractors will be required to have properly and seasonally maintained equipment; and*
- *Maintain regular communications with the Township of Chapple, the MTO and Ontario Provincial Police representatives, to monitor and mitigate traffic effects.*

Condition 161-Completed 2021

NG will monitor regional housing supply, particularly in the Chapple, Emo, and Fort Frances markets during the planning and operation phase of the RRM and in advance of each wave of new operations employment. Engage in regular discussions with Municipal planning officials in these communities to understand the anticipated evolution of their resale and new-home markets, and the extent to which each community desires growth or does not. NG will continue to work with hoteliers and town officials, to help avoid possible construction employment demands that would negatively affect accommodation capacity needed to support the tourist season.

To alleviate pressures on regional housing supply and hoteliers, during 2021 NG has:

- committed to local employment

- Introduced a travel allowance and new rotations to those outside of the local area and offered camp facilities to ensure costs are kept down on regional housing
- Currently rent 3 houses and a 16 apartment building in EMO for employees.
- Continued to contract a local Indigenous business to provide a 400+ person accommodation facility for construction workers who are contracted by New Gold. The accommodation facility is located on Atkinson Road in Chapple Township. Atkinson Road is located 1.5km south of the junction of Barwick Road and Highway 600 (or approximately 5 km south of the open pit). The accommodation facility was built by Onikaajigan Construction, a partnership between Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation and Saulteaux Consulting and Engineering. It was owned and operated by Onikaajigan Construction.

New Gold purchased the camp in Q4 of 2019 and outsources the operation of the camp to Anoki (a partnership between Naicatchewenin First Nation and Saulteaux Consulting and Engineering, Sodexo and Morris Group). The camp was downsized to house a maximum of 376 occupants. Any overflow requirements for NG contractors are directed to local motel/hotels.

Condition 162- Policy developed April 14th 2015

Develop suitable policies and initiatives to encourage carpooling amongst employees, with the aim of reducing commuter-related traffic and reducing the individual burden of commuting. NG may explore alternate accommodation strategies to support its employees.

Completed on April 14, 2015. A number of former local residents have come forward to request copies of the reports which New Gold provided. During 2021, Newgold provided buses for transport employees to site from Fort Frances, Emo, Rainy River, Barwick and Stratton.

Condition 163

NG will continue to discuss the RRM and potential additional demands that could be placed on the services of regional Municipalities. NG will continue to support government-led initiatives that support social sustainability during all project phases. NG will work with local service agencies to gather information about social issues or service capacity issues so that they may be addressed in a collaborative manner. NG will maintain communications with local and regional service providers to monitor and work collaboratively to address any Project-related changes that may be experienced.

New Gold continues to reduce strain on the local medical system by employing a Nurse Practitioner on

site that is available to all employees.

Condition 164

Potential health risks associated with the consumption of ungulate organ meats will be mitigated through the voluntary submission of organ meats by local hunters for analysis. Results of any such analysis would be made available to local residents and Aboriginal communities.

In 2016 New Gold implemented a deer tissue monitoring program to establish baseline data of metal and cyanide accumulation in deer tissue for the population found within the project boundary and the Rainy River District. Requests for participation in the study were mailed out to Aboriginal Communities as well as posted in public spaces throughout the District. In 2016, 37 tissue and organ samples were obtained from area hunters as well as deer carcasses from motor vehicle accidents. In 2017, 36 samples were submitted, in 2018, 29 samples were submitted, in 2021 15 samples.

The samples were sent to a certified lab to be analyzed for metal and cyanide accumulation. It is important to note that all of the contaminants which were tested for can be produced by mining operations but can also occur naturally in the environment and can be introduced by other human activities. The study continued in 2021 and is planned to be active again in 2024, 2027, 2030, 2033 and 2036 or as requested/needed. Continuing to develop this data set will strengthen any decision made based on submissions and monitoring plans through life of mine and post closure.

Condition 165- Completed October 2015

NG has committed to undertaking a mitigation program related to cultural heritage landscapes and built heritage resources consisting of an illustrated history of the study area.

Condition 166

Emergency response procedures will be established as part of the environmental management system. After any incident, a review will be conducted to ensure that the required design changes and procedures and appropriate monitoring measures are in place to ensure that incident will not be repeated.

A dedicated Emergency Response Coordinator is in place to put more emphasis on ER preparedness. In addition, New Gold has an underground emergency response team. All incidents are entered and tracked with a safety software program (INX InControl) by assigning action items to individuals and

identifying root causes.

Condition 167 to 180 Community and Environment

Condition 167

NG has committed to ensure that First Nations (including Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Big Grassy River First Nation, Big Island First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, and Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation) and Métis community members have the:

- Ability to access the site for cultural and ceremonial purposes, so that local Aboriginal people can undertake ceremonies at different times of the year to show respect for the land and its spiritual aspects. All NG staff will undergo cultural awareness training. Temporary contractors will undergo an awareness program as part of the regular induction program when working at the mine (Letter to Chiefs from Kyle Stanfield, October 2013). This will ensure that people that work at the site are aware of indigenous culture and values, and are respectful of the principles and values of the Ojibwe people.*
- This mitigation has been identified as a result of the Draft EA independent First Nation review and agreed to by NG. NG will follow up directly with the BGRFN regarding any additional mitigation and accommodation measures.*

New Gold RR is committed to providing access to the site for cultural and ceremony purposes. All New Gold RR staff and contractors undergo Cultural Awareness training as part of the site induction. Additionally, New Gold has a Participation Agreement with BGRFN which addresses additional mitigation and accommodation measures.

Condition 168

NG is fully agreeable to work with local Aboriginal peoples on an ongoing basis to monitor metal concentrations in country foods (notably fish muscle and liver tissues, and White-tailed Deer liver tissue; and other wildlife tissues as appropriate. A commitment to work with local Aboriginal groups to sample White-tail Deer liver tissues [and other wildlife tissues as committed to herein] for metals analysis has been made. This analysis could be expanded to include testing for additional metals. NG will work with local Aboriginal hunters to determine the most effective path forward on this topic.

In 2016 New Gold implemented a deer tissue monitoring program to establish baseline data of metal and cyanide accumulation in deer tissue for the population found within the project boundary and the Rainy River District. Requests for participation in the study were mailed out to Aboriginal Communities as well as posted in public spaces throughout the District. In 2016, 37 tissue and organ samples were obtained from area hunters as well as deer carcasses from motor vehicle accidents. In 2017, 36 samples were submitted, in 2018, 29 samples were submitted, in 2021 15 samples.

The samples were sent to a certified lab to be analyzed for metal and cyanide accumulation. It is important to note that all of the contaminants which were tested for can be produced by mining operations but can also occur naturally in the environment and can be introduced by other human activities. The study continued in 2021 and is planned to be active again in 2024, 2027, 2030, 2033 and 2036 or as requested/needed. Continuing to develop this data set will strengthen any decision made based on submissions and monitoring plans through life of mine and post closure.

Results from the 2020 Fish Tissue Monitoring Program indicated that there has been no accumulation of metals in the tissue and organs of northern pike and walleye in the Pinewood River as a result of mining operations. A copy of the 2020 Fish Tissue Quality Monitoring Report can be found in the Supporting Documentation for Appendix N in the 2020 ACR. Large body fish tissue samples of these species will be collected again in 2023.

Condition 169

NG will conduct a risk assessment of the potential long-term exposure of fish and wildlife to accumulated metals within the constructed wetland. Such a study will be carried out within one to two years prior to mine closure (or earlier during the project operations phase), and if a meaningful risk is determined to exist the risk will be mitigated as part of overall mine closure by removing and disposing the contaminated sediments to the bottom of the pit lake. This could readily be accomplished by a small dredging operation.

This commitment is currently not applicable to the current stage of the mine. The constructed wetland is planned for construction three to four years before closure.

Condition 170- Completed September 11th, 2013.

Unterman McPhail will prepare a complete description of the evaluation process for resources identified of cultural heritage value or interest in a memo format.

Condition 171

At closure, NG will undertake an evaluation of any remaining cultural heritage resources / structures located on NG property in consultation with a qualified professional, and also incorporating any liability/public safety concerns.

Not applicable to 2022.

Condition 172

A range of conservation approaches will be considered in the recommended Cultural Heritage Assessment Report / Cultural Heritage Documentation Reports for Sites #11 and #13 as suggested by MTCS.

Site #11 was demolished in 2015 as it was deemed to be hazardous as it was not structurally fit. Unique features, such as blacksmith hardware were removed and are currently in storage. As part of the development of the Richardson Trail, NG intends to highlight the settlement history through artifacts such as the hardware. Prior to the demolition, NG had contacted a representative of the Chapple Heritage Committee to ensure there were no other considerations. Site #13 remains in situ.

Condition 173 – Completed April 14th, 2015.

NG will provide follow-up documentation related to Cultural Heritage Assessment Report / Cultural Heritage Documentation Reports to the following local museums and archives:

- *Chapple Museum;*
- *Kay-Nah-Chi-Wah-Nung Historical Centre (Manitou Mounds);*
- *Rainy River District Women’s Institute Museum; and*
- *Fort Frances Museum and Cultural Centre.*

Condition 174 – Completed 2015-2017

Monitoring would occur for the following durations:

- *Archaeology: construction phase*
- *Built heritage: construction phase*

Condition 175 – Completed April 2016

With regards to protection of cultural heritage values during transmission line construction:

- *Should human remains be identified during construction, all work in the vicinity of the discovery will be suspended immediately, and notification will be made to the Ontario Provincial Police, or local police, who will conduct a site investigation and contact the district coroner. Notification must also be made to the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport, and the Registrar of Cemeteries, Ministry of Government Services.*
- *Should cultural heritage resources (archaeological or historical materials or features) be identified during construction or operations, all activity in the vicinity of the find will be suspended and the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport archaeologist be contacted. This condition provides for the potential for deeply buried sites not typically identified; and*
- *In addition, NG will continue to engage Aboriginal people (including Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Big Grassy River First Nation, Big Island First Nation, Naothkamegwanning First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation and Métis community members) about the transmission line construction and will respond should additional culturally significant areas be identified that could be impacted by the construction.*

Condition 176- Completed December 29th, 2014

Related to transmission line, construction will be supervised by a qualified archaeologist at identified areas of high archaeological potential. Regular, ongoing discussions with stakeholders, Aboriginal people and local communities will help to monitor any effects to the socio- cultural environment and identify mutually satisfactory ways to mitigate negative or enhance positive effects. A formal complaints procedure will be established to provide stakeholders and Aboriginal peoples a voice during the construction, operation and decommissioning phase of the transmission line project. A response protocol will also be established to ensure that follow up occurs.

Condition 177

A targeted site investigation will be conducted at the end of mine life to identify soils that may have been affected by hydrocarbons or chemicals in specific areas (e.g. truck refuelling area). Soil materials found to exceed the appropriate clean up criteria for hydrocarbons will be remediated according to government requirements. If there is reason to suspect an area of soil has been affected by chemicals other than hydrocarbons, soil samples will be collected and tested. If the applicable regulatory requirements are exceeded, an appropriate method of disposal will be sought in consultation with the relevant authorities.

This condition will be applied at the time of mine closure and reclamation.

Condition 178

Document and respond to comments, issues or concerns.

An External Feedback and Complaint Protocol was issued in follow up to the Provincial EA approval with a completion date of February 2, 2015 and continues to be implemented in 2022.

Condition 179 - Completed

NG made 13 significant commitments (Tables 3-4 and 14-2) arising from the independent technical review of the Draft EA Report (Version 1) on behalf of Aboriginal groups which will be fulfilled.

These commitments were all met as described in this registry, or through negotiated agreements (non-public).

Condition 180- Completed January 9th, 2015

BGRFN undertook a second independent review of the Draft EA Report provided to the NG on October 18, 2013. The review concluded that additional work with the community was required and NG has committed to continuing the close engagement with the community in support of the RRM development.

Condition 181 to 185 Safety and Health

Condition 181

Environmental monitoring will be conducted in accordance with standard practice and regulatory requirements, including any site- specific environmental approvals.

Since the start of construction New Gold has had environmental personnel assigned to environmental monitoring to satisfy Regulatory requirements and Permit Approvals. During 2016 and 2017 several of these monitoring protocols were written into Operational Policies or Plans for the Environmental Department. Water, wildlife, air and land monitoring are addressed throughout the Annual Compliance Report. Part of the implementation of the Environmental Management System (EMS) includes discipline specific management plans for all commitments and permits.

Condition 182

Operational procedures to minimize the potential of accidents or malfunctions will be incorporated into the environmental management system. Penalties will be imposed for operational violations.

Risk assessments are completed in each area to identify potential safety or environmental hazards. Procedures are developed from the risk assessment to minimize/eliminate the likelihood and consequences of the hazards.

Condition 183

Procedures will be regularly reviewed as part of the environmental management system.

The RRM has policies and procedures in place that are regularly reviewed as part of our Document Control process.

Condition 184

The emergency response plan included in the environmental management system will address the primary hazardous materials on site including procedures for spill response on the trucking route to the RRM site.

The emergency response plan included in the RRM EMS addresses the primary hazardous materials onsite and spill response. Subplans were created for the primary risks and are reviewed annually.

Condition 185

All chemicals used at the site will have a Material Safety Data Sheet, in order to comply with the best practices in the industry for health and safety, and to provide relevant regulatory standards for the safe use of these materials.

The Material Safety Data Sheets are provided to New Gold RRM users and are accessible from the online site wide MSDS registry. Within this system, regular review and updates to the MSDS are required by the department which owns each chemical. This aspect is included as part of the RRM Health and Safety WHMIS Program. WHMIS training is ongoing.

Condition 186 to 193 Monitoring Systems

Condition 186

Monitoring details will be developed through ongoing stakeholder consultation during the EA process, and through conditions placed on regulatory instruments such as permits, authorizations and approvals, issued by the Federal and Provincial regulatory agencies.

In 2020 NG was successful in transitioning most of its monitoring requirements in house and this continued in 2022. Third party reviews of reports still occur to ensure quality assurance.

Condition 187

A Follow up Monitoring Program (FMP) is provided in Section 13 of the Final EA Report, which subject to modification through the EA review process, will be implemented by NG in the manner and schedule identified, to:

- *Verify the accuracy of the environmental assessment of a designated project; and*
- *Determine the effectiveness of any mitigation measures.*

The Follow Up Monitoring Plan (FMP) for the Rainy River Project/Mine is designed around three central principles of environmental protection; Do not harm culture, respect for Aboriginal culture and values; continuous improvement and compliance with all environmental approvals and authorizations. The FMP applies to all stages of the project and the principles of the plan have been incorporated into the regular routine of how New Gold conducts business. Key components of the FMP have been incorporated into the Environmental Monitoring System (EMS) that New Gold has developed. The monitoring components are also tracked through our regulatory requirements and commitments for the project. New Gold tracks compliance with respect to reporting and obligations within permits and approvals using a computer program called Intalex, where assigned employees are responsible for tracking performance against these commitments and conditions. These obligations will continue to be distributed to responsible departments through the continued development of the Environmental Management System (EMS).

Since May 2016 (when the FMP was approved by MNR) the FMP has been adhered to and overall the environmental assessment has proven accurate and no major needs for mitigation measures save the addition of the Water Treatment Train and the delay of the Constructed Wetland until two years prior to closure.

Condition 188

Subject to acceptance in writing of the FMP by the Federal and Provincial governments, monitoring results will be provided to the parties involved in the FMP annually during the construction and operation phases of the RRM.

To date New Gold has provided all required monitoring information to appropriate Government Agencies as required or as requested.

Condition 189

A list of FMP commitments made during the EA process will be maintained by NG, indicating where appropriate:

- *The nature of the commitment;*
- *To whom, or to what group or agency the commitment was made, if specific;*
- *Whether the commitment is related to the EA process alone;*
- *Whether the commitment is addressed or linked to a regulatory instrument, such as a regulation or environmental approval;*
- *Any applicable timeline if any;*
- *The status of the commitment; and*
- *Additional actions required to fulfil the commitment*

This registry addresses these conditions.

Condition 190

Environmental aspects and potential impacts of the project will be managed within an environmental management system which integrates environmental performance with overall project management.

The management of environmental aspects and impacts is achieved through the Environmental Risk Management Process.

This process supports the identification and management of any significant environmental aspects that may impact the RRM Environmental Management System, associated operations or relevant stakeholders.

Condition 191

Implementation and maintenance of the environmental management system will be driven by the NG commitment to ongoing compliance with the environmental requirements. Worker awareness of this commitment and requirements related to their work will be communicated through formal programs such as project orientation, job training or contractor packages.

Formal training programs, through Training and Awareness requirements, new employee orientation and contractor packages focus on Rainy River Mine's commitment to ongoing environmental compliance.

Condition 192

Periodic management reviews will be completed to consider changing circumstances which could affect the continued suitability and adequacy of the monitoring plans, and to support continual improvement in overall effectiveness.

Each department reviews their custom Management Plans which include Regulatory tasks and actions and completes annual Status Reports. As part of the EMS, periodic management reviews will be conducted to ensure continuous improvement.

Condition 193

NG proposes to amend the Closure Plan periodically as more information becomes available and as required by the Ontario Mining Act.

Comprehensive Closure Plan Amendment was submitted to MNDM on 26 Oct 2017. This amendment was necessary as the mine transitioned from construction to operations. Updates have been provided to the current closure plan. New Gold submitted a response to the Government Agencies' second set of comments in December 2019 and was filed by ENDM on September 15th, 2020.

Condition 194 to 205 Community

Condition 194 – Completed April 2017.

NG is proposing to work with Aboriginal groups including Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Big Grassy River First Nation, Big Island First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation,

Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation and Métis community members to provide access to alternative private lands for the purposes of supporting TLU on such lands; and potentially providing compensation or incentives through collaborative agreements between the Aboriginal groups and NG. Access will be coordinated with the Aboriginal groups.

NG has negotiated agreements with Rainy River First Nations (October 10, 2014), Naicatchewenin First Nation (October 10, 2014), Big Grassy First Nation (January 9, 2015) the Metis Nation of Ontario (November 25, 2014), Big Island First Nation (October 31, 2016), Ojibways of Onigaming (May 24, 2017) and Nootkamegwanning First Nation (April 19, 2017).

Condition 195

NG will communicate with Aboriginal groups including Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Big Grassy River First Nation, Big Island First Nation, Nootkamegwanning First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation and Métis community members on traditional teachings and ceremony.

NG hosts two annual ceremonies at site. All NG employees undertake a 4 hour Indigenous engagement (cultural awareness) session as part of onboarding. During 2022 the following ceremonies were held onsite:

- Spring Ceremony - May 4
- Fall Ceremony – October 12

Condition 196 – Completed January 9th, 2015

NG will review the Big Grassy River First Nation Traditional Knowledge / Traditional Land Use study and discuss accommodations of the cultural heritage sites identified.

Condition 197 – Completed April 2016

Related to transmission line construction, environmental monitoring will include (but will not be limited to) inspection of:

- *ROW to ensure excessive vegetation clearing is not conducted;*
- *Appropriateness of equipment choice and maintenance of equipment to minimize environmental impacts;*
- *Effectiveness of erosion control measures where applicable;*

- *Construction activities and equipment operation, including refueling exercises;*
- *Waste management, including wood waste from clearing and domestic wastes;*
- *Monitoring of remedial actions associated with malfunctions and accidents (if any); and*
- *Any requirements contained in environmental approvals and permits required to construct the transmission line.*

At a minimum, weekly inspections by a qualified person will occur of worksites and related areas, during clearing of the ROW and construction of the transmission line. Contractors will be required to have properly trained personnel to provide guidance to construction teams in the absence of the qualified environmental persons. The results of the inspections will be documented and follow-up actions, if any, delineated. Completion of follow-up actions will be confirmed during subsequent inspections. Inspection frequency will be increased should the need be identified. The duration of post-construction inspections will depend on the results of the construction inspection. At a minimum, periodic aerial inspection will occur for environmental aspects during operation, coincident with other aerial surveys.

Condition 198

NG will continue to communicate closely with First Nations and the MNO regarding the Project. (Letter to Chiefs from Kyle Stanfield, October 2013).

NG has several Participation Agreements / Impact Benefit Agreements in place which identify ongoing communication protocols: FFCS (with Seine River, Lac La Croix, Couchiching and Mitaanjigamiing First Nations) - March 22, 2012 Rainy River First Nations/Naicatchewenin First Nation - Oct 10, 2014 Big Grassy River First Nation - Jan 9, 2015 Metis Nation of Ontario - Nov 25, 2014 Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing First Nation - October 31, 2017 Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation - May 24, 2017 Naothamegwanning First Nation - April 19, 2017 Animakee Wa Zhing #37 First Nation - Feb 13, 2018 In addition, NG provides regular updates through newsletters, public presentations and individual meetings and emails with community representatives.

Condition 199

NG is committed to working closely with the MNO. NG has provided resources to the MNO to undertake traditional studies as well as technical reviews of both the Draft EA as well as the Draft Closure Plan. NG will continue to support the MNO as part of the EA process and as mine operations

begin.

New Gold has a participation agreement with the MNO (Nov 25/2014) and continues with regular engagement with NG Rainy River.

Condition 200

NG is committed to working closely with the area First Nations and the MNO. NG has provided resources to Aboriginal Groups to undertake traditional studies as well as technical reviews of both the Draft EA as well as the Draft Closure Plan. NG will continue to support First Nations as part of the EA process and as mine operations begin.

NG actively engages all Indigenous groups about the Rainy River Mine, through newsletters, face to face meetings, site tours, business opportunities and job postings. Condition 9 of the EA approval is being fulfilled, although the level of engagement is directed by the communities.

Condition 201

NG will commit to clearing of flammable debris within a minimum 30 m buffer area.

In 2016 the MNRF expressed concerns regarding the proximity of slash piles to standing timber as well as the size of piles. New Gold worked with the Ministry to ensure that piles were relocated and either chipped or burnt in a controlled manner. New Gold feels that they have received appropriate guidance from the Ministry to confirm that they are meeting the conditions of this commitment.

Condition 202

NG is committed to continuing to engage potentially affected stakeholders as development and operation of the RRM progresses. Local municipalities will be engaged specifically with regards to contingency and emergency response procedures, prior to construction start. MNR coordination will be undertaken as appropriate.

New Gold has agreements with the Township of Chapple and the Township of Morley. The New Gold Health and Safety team has regular communication with Chapple Emergency Response.

Condition 203

NG is committed to further discussions with potentially affected Aboriginal groups with respect to development of a protocol for the preservation of artifacts. Where practical and reasonable, artifacts that require removal will be transferred to a public institution selected through consultation with local First Nations and Métis represented by the MNO Region 1 Consultation Committee, in consultation with the MTCS. A MTCS collection transfer form will be completed by the surrendering licensee and the institution accepting the materials. Collection shall be curated to current standards.

NG will work with local Indigenous groups on the transfer of artifacts. No artifacts were transferred from the archaeologist during 2022.

Condition 204 – Completed August 11th, 2017

NG will develop an accommodation with local trapline holders that meets the needs of both the proponent and the trappers.

Condition 205

NG will enhance components of the Richardson Trail and mitigate the impacts in collaboration with local landowners.

NG will initiate this commitment during the operations phase of the development, as it will be much safer to access particular areas at that time. No development of the Richardson trail took place in 2022.

SECTION 6

NEW GOLD RAINY RIVER MINE

FOLLOW UP MONITORING PLAN REGISTRY

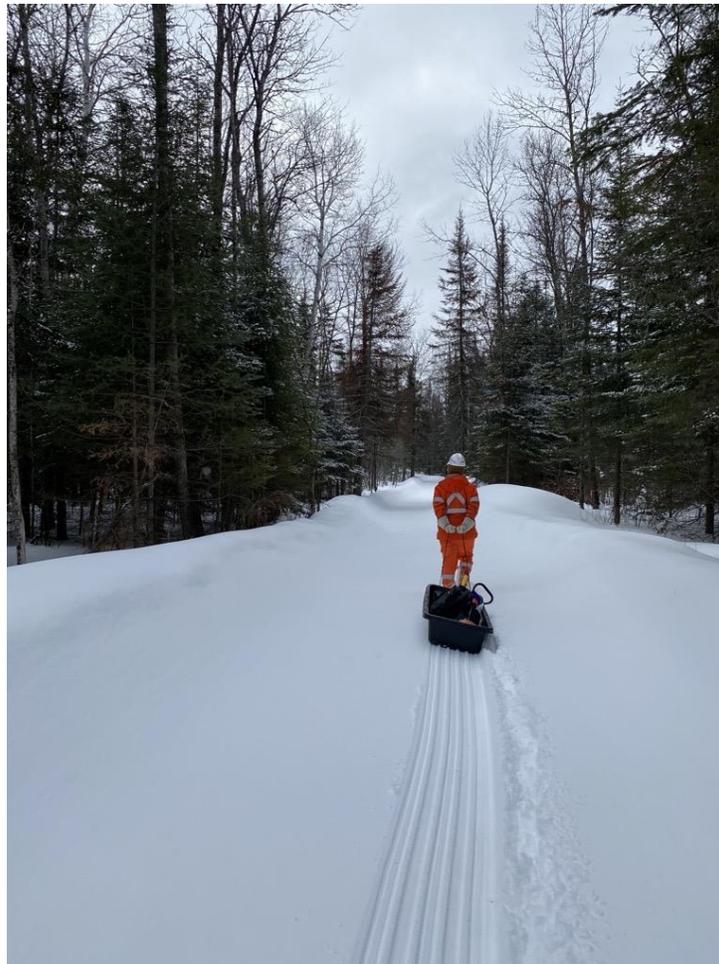


Figure 24. Trekking to SW22 sampling location, January 2022

Follow Up Monitoring Plan

Condition 13.1

RRR expects that it will be responsible to carry out the FMP (Follow Up Monitoring Plan); and further, that the involved Federal and Provincial agencies and authorities will have a review and monitoring role regarding the implementation of the FMP by RRR and will require RRR to take corrective action for non-compliance as appropriate. Local Aboriginal groups are considered by RRM to be involved parties for the purposes of the FMP, and accordingly, local First Nations and Métis will be provided the results of the FMP.

Highlights of the Follow Up Monitoring Plan submitted in Section 13 of the Provincial Environmental Assessment for the Rainy River Project have been included in this Compliance Report. The Follow Up Monitoring Plan was originally provided with New Gold's Environmental Assessment to the MECP for review and input by government agencies. New Gold has involved government agencies and Aboriginal groups in the implementation of their monitoring programs and results.

New Gold RRM continues to meet with Environmental Monitoring Boards which are attended by local Aboriginal Groups and discuss ongoing environmental monitoring, research programs and results. Popular topics of discussion include; water quality, wildlife and air quality. New Gold RRM continues to provide onsite tours for government agencies, Community members and employee's families to discuss mining operations, ore process and environmental monitoring.

New Gold involved the MNRF on the creation and implementation of the Rainy River Project's Terrestrial Monitoring Plan (Finalized in 2016) The Environmental Department provides the MECP with monthly updates on water quality sampling and project updates related to water taking, construction and water quality. Additional reports associated with the monitoring programs outlined in the Follow Up Monitoring Plan have been shared with the appropriate government agencies (i.e.; Air Quality Monitoring and Acoustic Monitoring (MECP)) and are included as supplemental information with this report and are included in Appendix E.

Condition 13.2.2

For fugitive dust from roads, stockpiles and open pit operations, RRM will assess the effectiveness of planned dust control measures both visually by plume assessment, and using dust fall jars and high-volume samplers for total particulate and PM_{2.5}. Dust fall samples will be collected monthly during the non-winter period for the construction, operation and active reclamation project phases. Select filter samples will be assessed for metals (full metal scan and including mercury, arsenic, cadmium and lead). Two monitoring stations will be set up at the approximate property boundary locations shown in Figure 13-1 subject to power availability and location specific constraints. Equipment siting, operations, auditing and reporting will follow all appropriate MOE requirements as provided in the Operations Manual for Air Quality Monitoring in Ontario (MOE 2008).

The Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Program continued during 2022. Data was collected from three air quality sampling stations: one to the east of the site on Gallinger Road, one to the south of the site near the beginning of the Highway 600 reroute on Tait Road and a third station northwest of the project, near the tailings along Highway 600. These stations are equipped with hi- volume samplers (brush motor and mass flow controlled), PQ200 samplers, dustfall jars and passive sampling for SO₂ and NO₂, at our eastern and southern stations. The hi-volume samplers measure Total Suspended Particulate (TSP) and metal concentrations averaged over a 24-hour period. The metals and metalloids analyzed include arsenic (As), cadmium (Cd), chromium (Cr), cobalt (Co), copper (Cu), iron (Fe), lead (Pb), manganese (Mn), nickel (Ni), selenium (Se), vanadium (V), and zinc (Zn). The PQ200 samplers measure Particulate Matter 2.5 (PM_{2.5}) concentrations averaged over a 24-hour period. The samplers measure total deposition over a 30-day period. Passive sampling measures SO₂ and NO₂ concentrations over a 30-day period. There were two dustfall exceedances and one total suspended particulate exceedance that were attributed to mine activity in 2022.

Condition 13.3.2

Subject to consultation and support from area residents and the regulatory agencies, RRR plans to measure sound levels at (or near) residences positioned around the RRM site (Figure 13- 1). These would include:

- *One residence to the south of the mine site in Black Hawk;*
- *One residence to the east of the mine site on Gallinger Road;*
- *One residence to the southeast of the mine site on south Gallinger Road;*

- One residence to the west of the mine site in Dearlock; and
- One residence to the northwest of the mine site on Highway 600.

A dedicated remote monitoring system may be used to provide a real time access system. All sound monitors measurements are to be taken at each measurement location. Hourly Leq, L10, L90 and Lmax will be recorded. Audio samples based on trigger levels will also be recorded. Trigger levels, with automated alerts will be developed for addressing exceedances. will conform to MOENPC-103 measurement protocols. As per MOE protocols, sound level measurements are to be taken at each measurement location. Hourly Leq, L10, L90 and Lmax will be recorded. Audio samples based on trigger levels will also be recorded. Trigger levels, with automated alerts will be developed for addressing exceedances.

In Q3 of 2021, noise measurements were taken near receptors in all 5 of the areas. A formal Acoustic Assessment Report was prepared by a third-party company in March of 2022. Annual noise monitoring will resume in 2023.

Condition 13.4.2

In addition, RRR will carry out the following geochemical monitoring program:

- *As part of the ongoing mine rock management plan, collect and analyze blast hole and RC drill cuttings for analysis of total inorganic carbon and total Sulphur, using a Leco furnace, as a means of segregating PAG and NPAG materials for optimal management of PAG mine rock;*
- *Submit a subset of Leco furnace analyzed samples, collected as part of the ongoing mine rock management plan, for acid base accounting static testing and metals analysis;*
- *Collect and analyze mill composite tailings samples, on an approximate monthly basis, for acid base accounting static testing and metals analysis; and*
- *Conduct additional geochemical testing on an as required basis to provide further information on Project specific aspects, such as any conditions of note evolving out of developing trend analyses.*

A Geochemical Monitoring Plan for the Construction and Operation Phases was issued in accordance with MECP ECA 3855-C4E3FF requirements and was implemented in 2016.

Monitoring continued through 2022 and included analyzing blast hole and RC drill cuttings using a Leco

furnace and submission of a subset for ABA and metals analysis, per the commitment.

Condition 13.5.2

Collect and analyze samples, and measure rates of flow, as appropriate, from site discharges, and runoff and seepage collection facilities, at the start of their respective operations, including:

13.5.2A

- *TMA discharges to the Pinewood River both directly by pipeline discharge and through the constructed wetland;*
- *Sedimentation Pond #1 and #2 discharges to West Creek;*
- *Aggregate operation(s), discharges (if any);*
- *Sewage effluent discharge; and*
- *Runoff and seepage collected from site operations areas (TMA, overburden and mine rock stockpiles, plant site area and haul roads) in accordance with MMER and Environmental Compliance*
- *Approval requirements.*

New Gold cannot discharge from the TMA directly as stated in this condition. A monitoring program was put in place during 2015 and remains active. During 2021, surface water was monitored on and off site as per the Surface Water monitoring program.

All effluent discharges in 2022 met the provincial and federal discharge requirements, except for an exceedance of the daily dilution ratio of 1:1 for EDL 2 discharge on July 4, 2022. This exceedance was reported to the Kenora Area MECP office.

13.5.2B

For each of the above, where there is a discharge to a receiver (West Creek or Pinewood River) monitor on a monthly basis (commencing at least three months before the first anticipated discharge / release) the quality of waters upstream and downstream of discharge and runoff / seepage releases at proposed monitoring locations shown in Figure 13-2, inclusive of three stations on West Creek and five stations on the Pinewood River (including Pinewood River baseline monitoring stations SW10, SW3 and SW15. The two current baseline monitoring stations on the Rainy River (SW16 and SW17) would also be maintained for monthly monitoring. Quarterly samples from selected water quality sampling

stations will be collected for trace analysis of total and methyl mercury in discussion with the MOE.

The receiver monitoring was conducted on a monthly and quarterly basis as per the commitment. All samples collected from the receivers met the environmental approval requirements. In 2022, total and methyl mercury samples were collected during the open water period in the Pinewood River upstream and downstream of the site. See the 2022 Annual Surface Water Monitoring Report in Appendix O and the 2022 Annual Pinewood River Biological, Sulphate and Methyl Mercury Monitoring Report in Appendix N for more information

13.5.2C

Monitor flows as shown in Figure 13-2 commencing as soon as construction is completed on the West Creek pond and the West Creek diversion at:

- *West Creek at the West Creek pond outflow*
- *West Creek diversion; and*
- *Pinewood River at Highway 617 (Water Survey of Canada Station WSC 05PC023).*

Construction of the West Creek Diversion (WCD) was completed in 2017, however dry conditions that persisted through 2017 and 2018 were not conducive to installation of water level transducers in the absence of water flow. A water level transducer was installed in the West Creek Pond in April 2018. A hydrometric station was installed in the WCD within the Box Culvert in September 2019, referred to as New Gold RRM H3 Hydrometric Station. In fall of 2020, a second hydrometric station was installed in the WCD downstream of the Sediment Pond 1 final discharge point and the confluence of the Marr Creek Diversion to further monitor the WCD.

The WSC 05PC023 hydrometric station remains active, however New Gold installed a dedicated hydrometric station upstream on the Pinewood River in late 2015 to supplement this data source and continued to monitor the station through 2019. In December 2019, this hydrometric station was upgraded per the RRM Hydrometric Monitoring Plan. It is now referred to as New Gold RRM H1 Hydrometric Station (formerly Site 19). In August 2020, the H1 Hydrometric Station was rehabilitated to correct an issue with the concrete canvas installed to stabilize the river cross-section.

In September 2019, a hydrometric station was installed upstream of the RRM in the arch culvert that passes under Heatwole Rd, off of Teeple Rd. This location is referred to as New Gold RRM H2

Hydrometric Station.

13.5.2D

As data availability permits, develop annual updated statistical flow estimates for local watercourses based on flow data derived through monitoring, with such estimates to include:

- *Monthly averages*
- *Annual averages*
- *Extreme low flow statistics corresponding to 2, 5, 10 and 20 year return period conditions; and*
- *Extreme high flow statistics corresponding to 2, 5, 10 and 20 year return period conditions.*

In-stream measurements were on going during 2022 in the Pinewood River at the H1 (formerly Site 19), the H2 hydrometric station upstream of site and the H3 hydrometric station in the West Creek Diversion. Continued in-stream flow monitoring is planned for 2023.

13.5.2E

Carry out an environmental effect monitoring (EEM) program in accordance with the Metal Mining Guidance Document for Aquatic Environmental Effects Monitoring (EC 2012d) to assess the character and quality of aquatic resources at the following locations:

- *West Creek diversion; and*
- *Pinewood River upstream and downstream of the RRM site area.*

The Cycle 1 EEM Study Design Report was prepared for submission in 2016, the subsequent Cycle 1 biological monitoring was conducted in 2017. The cycle 1 Interpretive Report was submitted to ECCC by March 31, 2018. Cycle 2 EEM biological monitoring was conducted in 2020. Cycle 2 Interpretive Report was submitted October 5th, 2021. Cycle 3 Study Design was submitted in 2022 is currently under regulatory review.

13.5.2F

Except as provided for in Item E, above, carry out commencing one year after the date of commercial production and at three year intervals thereafter, fish habitat and fisheries assessments, including sediment and benthos investigations for:

- *West Creek;*

- *Clark Creek (upstream of the east mine rock stockpile); and*
- *Pinewood River.*

The Cycle 1 EEM Study Design Report was prepared for submission in 2016, the subsequent Cycle 1 biological monitoring was conducted in 2017. The cycle 1 Interpretive Report was submitted to ECCC by March 31, 2018. Cycle 2 EEM biological monitoring was conducted in 2020. Cycle 2 Interpretive Report was submitted October 5th, 2021. Cycle 3 Study Design was submitted in 2022 is currently under regulatory review.

13.5.2G

Monitor contaminants of potential concern in fish tissues from game fish harvested from the Pinewood River coincident with monitoring carried out pursuant to Item F, above.

Large body fish tissue monitoring happens concurrent with EEM monitoring and is on a 3 year cycle, the next monitoring year is 2023.

13.5.2H

As a component of the RRM stormwater management plan, collect and analyze late winter snowpack samples for pH and metals to help determine the effects of dust fall accumulated within the snowpack during spring melt.

Passive dustfall monitoring was completed in 2023 at the three air quality monitoring stations. Five additional dustfall monitoring jars were collected on a weekly and monthly basis to collect data for onsite dustfall trends. In March of 2022 snowpack samples were collected at 10 locations around the mine site. Snowpack samples are scheduled for early-mid March 2023.

Condition 13.6.2

RRR will carry out groundwater system monitoring as per the following:

- *Collect and analyze samples, and measure pumping rates for mine water from the open pit and underground transferred to the mine rock pond (or to the TMA during construction);*
- *Establish a groundwater well (piezometer) network around the open pit area to monitor groundwater levels throughout the area on a continuous basis using water level transducers, with transducer downloads to be completed twice per year, commencing at least six months prior to the start of pumping, all as shown in Figure 13-3;*

- *Collect groundwater samples from the groundwater well / piezometer network quarterly except where prevented by freezing conditions, and analyze the samples for applicable parameters as provided for in Provincial approvals; and*
- *Review groundwater monitoring data annually and update the groundwater model on three year intervals, with the first such update to be based on data obtained from the first three full years of pumping; and with the model updates to be completed within nine months of the end of the data collection period.*

Internal monitoring samples are collected and analyzed for the Mine Rock Pond (MRP). A record of the volume pumped from the open pit, and future underground operation, is generated daily during movement of water from the mine to the MRP or the Mill.

A groundwater well monitoring program was established that extends around the mine footprint, sampling began in early 2016. Selected piezometers / wells include water level transducers, with downloads completed quarterly in conjunction with sample collection and manual water level measurements.

Groundwater well samples were collected from the piezometer / well network three times in 2022, however some wells were not sampled as they were dry.

The groundwater samples were analyzed for the parameters in the Provincial Environmental Compliance Approval, and the data was reviewed during 2022. The 3-D groundwater model was updated in 2020. The next groundwater model update will be in 2023.

Condition 13.7.1 – Completed May 25th, 2016

A wildlife monitoring plan will be implemented to ensure that effects on wildlife are properly mitigated. FMP monitoring will be based where possible, on standard survey protocols used during baseline studies so that any changes in local mammal, area- sensitive breeding bird or amphibian populations may be detected.

Condition 13.7.2

Methods for determining adverse RRM-induced effects on mammals following the implementation of proposed mitigation measures will include:

- *Bat acoustic monitoring at representative locations;*
- *Aerial helicopter survey in late winter to document numbers and distributions of White-tailed*

Deer, Moose and Wolves at locations representing suitable habitat directly adjacent to the RRM site; and control sites. Such surveys to be conducted during the first winter of the construction phase, the winter following the completion of construction, and at three year intervals thereafter until the end of the active mine reclamation phase;

- *Working with any Aboriginal hunters to document White-tailed Deer, Moose, Wolf and Black Bear harvesting activities in the RRM site area;*
- *Implementation of a wildlife log (including collisions) of general mammal observations made by employees on the RRM site including White-tailed Deer, Moose, Black Bear and any other larger furbearers; and*
- *Monitoring of Black Bear activity related to waste disposal (if applicable) and general site activities.*

Bat acoustic monitoring occurred in 2020 and will occur again on a three cycle in 2023. The aerial surveys did take place in 2020, but snow pack was not sufficient to make them of use and MNRF has agreed any data we would collect with not be valid or of use the MNRF thus making the requirement unnecessary and will not be undertaken by RRM again.

No hunting is allowed on the RRM site as it has been deemed unsafe to do so. New Gold RRM implemented a wildlife log at the site during 2015 and continued documenting wildlife sightings and interactions through 2021.

In 2016 the Environmental Department started tracking sightings in a GIS database. The wildlife logs for 2022 include documented Black Bear activity and a mortality log. New Gold has 5 staff that received and passed training from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry on how to live trap and transport problem Black Bears under an authorization from MNRF. In 2022 no bears required relocation.

Condition 13.7.3

Methods for determining adverse effects to breeding birds following the implementation of proposed mitigation measures will include:

- *Targeted point count surveys for diurnal SAR including Golden-winged Warbler, Barn Swallow and Bobolink and for woodland area-sensitive breeding birds in suitable habitat. Point counts*

will be based on standardized survey protocols described for the Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas Guide for Participants (OBBA 2001) so as to be consistent with baselines study methodology (Section 5.2.12),

- *Incidental data collection for SAR and Provincially rare species which are currently present at lower abundance including: Canada Warbler, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Short-eared Owl, American Pelican, Bald Eagle and Black-billed Magpie,*
- *Targeted twilight surveys for Eastern Whip-poor-will in suitable habitat. Whip-poor-will monitoring efforts will follow standardized survey protocols as outlined in the whip-poor-will Roadside Survey Participant's Guide (BSC 2012).*
- *Concurrent data collection for Common Nighthawk to be undertaken during targeted Eastern Whip-poor-will surveys as described above as no standardized survey protocols have been developed specifically for this species;*
- *Annual monitoring of active Bald Eagle nests which occur in close proximity the RRM site. Monitoring will attempt to establish fledging success;*
- *Implementation of a wildlife log of general breeding bird observations at the RRM site by employees (focused on raptors and raptor nests, and SAR species); and*
- *Any additional monitoring defined in ESA permits.*

Near site and OB lands EWPW surveys were undertaken in 2022 as per New Gold's ESA permit.

To support the monitoring of bird species onsite, the Environmental Department implemented a site wide protocol for reporting wildlife in 2015. Through this system the following SAR bird sightings were reported in 2022; 5 bobolink, 13 barn swallow, 32 eagle, 78 pelicans, 105 Banks Swallows. Education and awareness of the reporting procedure and onsite Species at Risk is conducted through new employee/contractor orientation and site wide publications. The two known eagles' nest near (>1 kilometer) the project boundary are monitored each year through visual observation.

Condition 13.7.4

Effects on amphibians after implementation of proposed mitigation measures will include:

- *Implementation of a wildlife log of general amphibian observations by employees.*

Leopard and Green frogs are a common sight on the mine site especially in compensation and offset

habitats built as per DFO requirements. Spring peeper and wood frogs are a rare sight.

Condition 13.8.2

This section considers the potential for traffic accidents on public roads related to the construction and operation of the RRM. Roads of specific interest are:

- *Highways 71 and 11, west of Fort Frances and south of Kenora;*
- *Highway 600;*
- *Teepie Road west of Highway 71; and*
- *East Access Road.*

Methods for assessing traffic accidents along public roads will include:

- *Monitoring road surface conditions for the identified roads of interest during the winter months and working with the MTO (MTO) and the local municipalities, to ensure that roads are properly cleared, salted and sanded, as appropriate to maintain safe driving conditions;*
- *Maintaining a record of any accidents involving RRR employees and contractors related to the RRM; and*
- *Maintaining a record of any near misses related to potential traffic accidents along the roads of interest involving RRR employees and contractors related to the RRM.*

New Gold employees and on-site contractors are required to report all near misses and traffic accidents immediately to the New Gold Health and Safety Department. A record documenting system is in place. In some instances, drug and alcohol testing may be required and can be conducted on site by trained staff. New Gold has a zero-tolerance policy in place for any employees or contractors caught driving while using a cell phone. There are also policies in place to control speeding on site. Radar warning speed signs have been installed on the East Access Road to remind drivers of excessive speeds. Rainy River Security will also perform radar speed checks. Employees /contractors caught travelling at excessive speeds or employees/contractors who's unsafe driving behaviours have been reported are spoken to by Rainy River site security and supervision. Repeat infractions or significant one-time events may lead to the employee/contractor's loss of site driving privileges including the use of New Gold parking areas

Security conducts road inspections on site each night shift. These inspections include Teeple Road, East Access Road and Highway 600. If hazards are identified on roads owned and maintained by New Gold, they are addressed by an onsite construction team. Hazards identified on municipal or public roads are reported to the appropriate authority (Municipality or MTO). Reports of road hazards are communicated during the HSE Communication broadcast over all radio channels at shift start. Dedicated Security Coordinator hired in October 2018 to put more emphasis on security aspects of our operations, including traffic control.

Condition 13.9.2

To assess potential changes to TLU that could potentially derive from implementation of the RRM, RRR will carry out, or provide financial support for, the following activities:

- *Subject to any terms of agreement with the local First Nations and Métis, periodically update Traditional Knowledge (TK) studies conducted for the RRM beginning five years after mine operations initiate, to determine if there have been any changes to resource harvesting patterns by local Aboriginal peoples as a result of the RRM, and the reasons for any such changes*
- *Conduct reviews at five-year intervals, of the activities of a subset of RRR Aboriginal employees (representative cross section) to determine the effects of employment on their traditional activities*
- *Confirm any expected changes in the availability of fisheries and wildlife resources to local harvesters, based on data derived from biological monitoring programs.*

No updates were conducted in 2022.

Condition 13.10.2

RRR will carry out the following monitoring program to ensure the protection of cultural heritage resources

- *Maintain a record of all cultural heritage resources known to occur in the vicinity of planned RRM developments, such that intrusion or damage to such resources can be avoided during construction, recognizing and respecting confidentiality limitations*
- *Maintain an active dialogue with local residents and Aboriginal group representatives, having knowledge of specific areas prior to and during major construction activities, to provide guidance to supervisory staff on the likely or possible occurrence of as yet undocumented cultural*

heritage sites

- *Enlist the services of a trained archaeologist during the conduct of major construction works to support RRR as needed, where there is a reasonable potential for encountering as yet undocumented cultural heritage sites*
- *Enlist the services of Elders or other cultural advisors in the event that cultural heritage resources are encountered (in addition to meeting all Regulatory requirements)*
- *Conduct a post-construction assessment of the state of known cultural heritage sites in the vicinity of RRM activities / structures to confirm the integrity of such resources.*

NG engaged qualified Archaeologists and Built Heritage Specialists to record all resources prior to construction commencing. NG continues to actively engage local residents and Indigenous groups through meetings and visits.

Northwest Archaeological Assessments under the guidance of qualified archaeologist Andrew Hinshelwood, completed analysis and cataloguing of artifacts discovered during the 2018 Stage 4 excavation on the southwestern edge of the mine site. Preliminary reports for both excavation sites plus the final report for the smaller excavation site were submitted to the Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) - Archaeological Programs Unit, for review and acceptance into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports. NG agrees to enlist the services of Elders should new Cultural Heritage resources be discovered.

NG contracted post construction assessment of known Cultural Heritage sites in 2018; reporting was completed in 2019. Original post construction assessment report was submitted on May 2/2019 to MTCS; revised report was submitted on Aug 16/2019. No reporting was completed in 2022.

Condition 13.11.2

RRR will carry out the following monitoring program to ensure the documentation of cultural heritage landscapes and built heritage resources as appropriate:

- *Develop an initial record of all cultural heritage landscapes and built heritage resources known to occur near the planned RRM developments, such that intrusion or damage to such resources can be documented; and*
- *Conduct a post-construction assessment of the state of known cultural heritage landscapes and built heritage resources in the vicinity of RRM activities /structures to confirm the status of such resources.*

The initial record was completed by Untermann and McPhail. Untermann and McPhail began a post-construction assessment of the state of known cultural heritage resources in 2018 and was completed in 2019 and submitted to MTCS.

Condition 13.12.2

Traffic flow on local roads with more limited capacity is of greater interest, notably:

- *Highway 600;*
- *Teeple Road west of Highway 71; and*
- *The East Access Road.*

The intent is to document that these local roads are able to continue to function adequately, and within safe limits for both project and local traffic. Methods for measuring traffic use along local roads will include:

- *Periodic traffic count surveys using automated traffic counters;*
- *Employee surveys to determine transport routes to and from the mine site; and*
- *Ongoing discussions with MTO and the Township of Chapple to support additional traffic volume monitoring studies if appropriate.*

The Ontario Provincial Police request that New Gold share any traffic complaints with them. New Gold continues to monitor traffic and work closely with the Township of Chapple to address any concerns. The East Access Road (Korpi Road) is the primary route of traffic to the mine site, greatly reducing traffic on Teeple Rd/Hwy 600. New Gold also provides bus transportation for employees to/from Fort Frances and Emo. RRM also has a community complaint hotline to bring issues to the site's attention.

Condition 13.13.2

Methods for documenting accommodations use in association with the RRM will include conducting contractor and employee surveys to determine:

- *Community or nearest community of local residence;*
- *Type of residence (rental or ownership);*
- *Type of accommodation (existing or new);*
- *Type of occupancy (single, shared or family); and*
- *Whether or not the employee / contractor is an existing local resident, or new to the area.*

New Gold Rainy River employee population can be divided into residential, drive in drive out (DIDO) and fly in fly out (FIFO). Approximately 75% of our employees live within a 100km radius of the mine site. DIDO employees account for 12% of our employees, FIFO employees account for 13% with the other New Gold provides accommodation for contractors on the site and employees who qualify for camp accommodations. New Gold Rainy River has a Relocation Policy and provides that option to potential employees if they prefer to move to the local area.

Condition 13.14 A

It is anticipated the environmental management system will consider the following areas as significant environmental aspects of the RRM (although they may not be represented by individual management plans depending on the final environmental management system framework):

- *Recycling and waste reduction program;*
- *Mine rock (PAG / NPAG) management;*
- *Water management;*
- *General waste management;*
- *Hazardous materials management;*
- *Fuel handling and storage;*
- *Fugitive dust management;*
- *Sound management;*
- *Wildlife management;*
- *Traffic management;*
- *Cultural awareness;*
- *Heritage management;*
- *Emergency response; and*
- *Response to malfunctions and accidents.*

The management of environmental aspects and impacts is achieved through the Environmental Risk Management Process.

The EMS design framework consists of various stand-alone Management Plans as well as subsets to core Management Plans.

Condition 13.14 B

Environmental management system maintenance and effectiveness will be monitored through a variety of programs, such as:

- *Formal and informal audits;*
- *Environmental monitoring;*
- *Non-conformance incidents, status of corrective actions; and*
- *Stakeholder feedback.*

Periodic management reviews will be completed to consider changing circumstances which could affect the continued suitability and adequacy of the plans, and to support continual improvement in overall effectiveness.

The RRM EMS maintenance and effectiveness will be monitored through audits, environmental monitoring, non-conformance incidents, status of corrective actions and stakeholder feedback. Periodic management reviews will support continuous improvement.

SECTION 7

NEW GOLD RAINY RIVER MINE

PUBLIC CONSULTATION REGISTRY



Figure 25. Round House on site

Table 4. Record of Consultation for 2022

Date	Record No.	Consultation Type	Topics	Notes on Implementation	Stakeholders	Focus
1/4/2022	3540	E-mail	New Gold emailed the Weekly Incident Reports of Dec 13-19, 2021; Dec 20-26, 2021; and Dec 27, 2021 - Jan 02, 2022.		Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
1/4/2022	3539	E-mail	Weekly Spill Report as distributed by the Environmental Department (Dec 20 - 26, 2021).	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
1/5/2022	3671	Phone Call	A community member requested to have his business added to the bidder's list.	New Gold requested that he email NG with a description of his business and contact information and the business would be	Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation	Aboriginal

				added to the list.		
1/6/2022	3542	E-mail	A community representative asked a question regarding a tailings exceedance as related to the recently distributed spill report (Dec 27, 2021 - Jan 2, 2022) and what was involved in the remediation plan.	Enviro advised that the tailings exceedance was a regulatory one as the higher dam lift has not yet been approved by the Engineer on Record, though it was expected within the next few weeks. No remediation plan was required as the exceedance was contained within the TMA footprint and would be covered with tailings once the approval is received. Enviro invited any further questions and a site tour.	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
1/6/2022	3541	E-mail	Weekly Spill Report as distributed by the Environmental Department (Dec 27, 2021 - Jan 2, 2022).	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First	Public and Aboriginal

					Nation,Rainy River First Nations,Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
1/8/2022	3672	Meeting	New Gold met with a local Indigenous company interested in bidding on an upcoming RFP.	New Gold answered questions relating to the RFP.	Naotkamegwaning First Nation	Aboriginal
1/10/2022	3646	E-mail	New Gold emailed Indigenous leadership a monthly report for December 2021 that summarizes employment and business aspects.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Métis Nation of Ontario,Big Grassy First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Nigigoonsimikaniikaning First Nation,Naotkamegwaning First Nation,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Seine River First Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Couchiching First Nation,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Rainy River First Nations,Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
1/10/2022	3673	E-mail	A local business provided information to New Gold on the services they perform and asked if there would be any need for their services at this time.	New Gold advised that they did not need the services at this time but did add the business to the Indigenous business registry.	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
1/12/2022	3713	Meeting	A corporate New Gold employee provided an introduction between Science North and the Community Coordinator from Rainy River.	Science North provided a proposal and overview of their science program for schools and communities. New Gold management	Science North	Public

				will make decision on next steps and level of support and participation.		
1/12/2022	3543	E-mail	Weekly Spill Report as distributed by the Environmental Department (Jan 3 - 9, 2022).	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
1/13/2022	3676	Meeting	New Gold held their quarterly JIC meeting with AWZFN.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal
1/13/2022	3675	Phone Call	New Gold coordinated a meeting between a company looking for an Indigenous partner for an upcoming bid.		Mitaanjigamiing First Nation	Aboriginal
1/13/2022	3647	E-mail	AWZFN requested the contact information of the Career Development Officer.	NG emailed the contact information of the Career Development Officer as requested	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal

1/13/2022	3674	Meeting	<p>New Gold held an EMB meeting via teleconference. Permits update included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Industrial Sewage ECA Amendment (awaiting review/approval from MECP); - Air ECA Amendment (awaiting review/approval from MECP); and - Closure Plan Amendment (submitted Dec 1, 2021 to ENDM) - changes included updated closure costs (ENDM requested a full document update to capture all changes); LRIA permits all go to the ENDM now instead of MNRF; changes sent to the ENDM now are amendments to the Closure Plan. There are so many changes that ENDM would like a new document. Spill reports were also discussed; further detail requested and provided on the tailings slurry incident in December. The Letter of Conformance was received Jan 11, 2022 for the Stage 3 dam raise; lessons learned 	The meeting minutes will be distributed when complete.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
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			are in the document sent to the MECP which was also sent to RRFN and NFN on Jan 19, 2022. MECP determined that the tailings slurry incident was not an issue or a risk with MECP.			
1/13/2022	3544	E-mail	New Gold emailed the Weekly Incident Report of Jan 03 - 09, 2022.		Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
1/14/2022	3648	E-mail	New Gold emailed Chiefs to advise the temporary suspension of bus services to the mine site beginning January 16, 2022, in efforts to reduce the spread of COVID-19.		Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
1/17/2022	3650	E-mail	New Gold emailed the Weekly Incident Report of Jan 10-16, 2022.		Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa	Aboriginal

					Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
1/17/2022	3649	E-mail	Weekly Spill Report as distributed by the Environmental Department (Jan 10-16, 2022).	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
1/18/2022	3677	Meeting	New Gold held their quarterly JIC meeting with Naotkamegwanning.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
1/19/2022	3679	E-mail	A local business provided information to New Gold on their business and requested to be added to the bidder's list.	The company was added to the bidder's list.	Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
1/19/2022	3651	E-mail	New Gold emailed externally reportable spill reports sent to MECP to EMB members (as per their request).	Enviro provided contact information if there were any questions regarding the reporting.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal

1/19/2022	3678	Meeting	New Gold met with a local Indigenous company and another party interested in partnering on an upcoming RFP with them.	New Gold answered questions relating to the RFP.	Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation	Aboriginal
1/19/2022	3680	Meeting	New Gold held their monthly JIC meeting with RRFN and NFN.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
1/20/2022	3714	Meeting	New Gold met with the Northern Ontario Campaign for Canadian Cancer Society to discuss New Gold employee donations and promotion of the Campaign.	Ideas discussed included: promotion through Supervisors to crews, New Gold donation Landing page on the CCS website this will allow tracking of donations, incentive draws, promotion to contract employees. CCS to prepare an information for input & review.	Canadian Cancer Society	Public
1/24/2022	3652	E-mail	Weekly Spill Report as distributed by the Environmental Department (Jan 17-23, 2022).	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of	Public and Aboriginal

					Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
1/24/2022	3653	E-mail	New Gold emailed the Weekly Incident Report of Jan 17-23, 2022.		Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation, Naoakamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
1/25/2022	3654	Meeting	New Gold met with Chapple for a quarterly meeting regarding current and potential opportunities for recycling mine waste.	NG agreed to hold belting for release in spring and look into the possibility of providing spools of hose remaining from hydroseeding. Next meeting is scheduled April 16, 2022.	Township of Chapple	Public
1/25/2022	3681	E-mail	New Gold coordinated an introduction via email between a local vendor of wild rice and the site camp.		Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
1/28/2022	3682	Meeting	New Gold met with Naoakamegwanning and their consultants to discuss the IBA and exploration application.	The discussion relating to the IBA was confidential. A summary of concerns relating to the exploration permit was shared with all	Naoakamegwanning First Nation, Ministry of Northern Development Mines Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNR)	Aboriginal

				meeting participants and emailed to MNDMNRF. Another meeting was scheduled to discuss the exploration application further.		
1/31/2022	3666	E-mail	New Gold emailed the Weekly Incident Report of Jan 24-30, 2022.		Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
2/1/2022	3667	E-mail	Weekly Spill Report as distributed by the Environmental Department (Jan 24 - 30, 2022).	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2/3/2022	3685	Meeting	New Gold met with Ontario Youth Employment Program (OYEP)	New Gold and OYEP agreed to discuss	Ontario Youth Employment Program	Aboriginal

			to discuss the possibility of having NG come to talk about the types of careers available in mining and a potential site tour in the spring or summer.	further in the spring.		
2/3/2022	3716	Meeting	New Gold held a preliminary meeting with OYEP to discuss the possibility of a presentation.	OYEP was requesting a presentation regarding employment opportunities in mining at a camp near Atikokan that hosts local youth in the summer.	Ontario Youth Employment Program	Public
2/4/2022	3686	Meeting	NG and Science North had a meeting to discuss bringing Science North programs to schools and First Nation communities.	New Gold agreed to provide financial support for the programming and NG personnel as required. Science North provided a tentative schedule of programming.	Science North	Public and Aboriginal
2/7/2022	3687	E-mail	Weekly Spill Report as distributed by the Environmental Department (Jan 31 - Feb 6, 2022).	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First	Public and Aboriginal

					Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
2/8/2022	3688	E-mail	New Gold emailed the Weekly Incident Report of Jan 31 - Feb 6, 2022		Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
2/8/2022	3689	E-mail	New Gold emailed the Township of Chapple to find out if they had a use for a dust suppressant that New Gold was no longer using.	The Township of Chapple advised that they were unable to use this type of dust suppressant as it did not have an application for roads.	Township of Chapple	Public
2/9/2022	3691	E-mail	New Gold shared current job postings as of February 9, 2022.		Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First	Public and Aboriginal

					Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
2/9/2022	3690	E-mail	New Gold emailed a site map of 2021 Environmental incidents to EMB members.		Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
2/10/2022	3692	Meeting	New Gold met with Seven Gens to discuss potential translation services.	No followup required at this time.	Seven Generations Education Institute	Aboriginal
2/11/2022	3693	Meeting	New Gold met with Naotkamegwanning and their consultants to discuss the exploration application.	As a follow up to the meeting, maps were emailed of the application area.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
2/11/2022	3694	E-mail	Naotkamegwanning's representation emailed NG with a summary of follow-ups regarding the meeting held earlier in the day; NG's consultation logs with Naotkamegwanning were requested.	NG responded via email; Naotkamegwanning had not raised any issues when NG met with the community about the current exploration permit application.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
2/14/2022	3719	Presentation	New Gold coordinated an Earth Rangers presentation/educational program to Robert Moore School.	The school assembly program was to engage students to be environmental stewards through interactive activities. New Gold provided the introduction.	Earth Rangers, Robert Moore School	Public

2/14/2022	3696	E-mail	New Gold emailed Indigenous leadership a monthly report for January 2022 that summarizes employment and business aspects.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
2/14/2022	3695	E-mail	Weekly Spill Report as distributed by the Environmental Department (Feb 7 - Feb 14, 2022).	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2/16/2022	3697	Meeting	New Gold held their monthly JIC meeting with RRFN and NFN.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
2/22/2022	3720	Presentation	New Gold coordinated an Earth Rangers presentation/educational program to Donald Young School.	The school assembly program was to engage students to be environmental stewards through interactive	Earth Rangers, Donald Young School	Public

				activities. New Gold provided the introduction.		
2/22/2022	3698	E-mail	New Gold emailed the Weekly Incident Reports of Feb 7-13, 2022 and Feb 14-20, 2022.		Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
2/23/2022	3699	E-mail	The Weekly Spill Report was distributed by the Environmental department (Feb 14 - 20, 2022).	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2/23/2022	3721	Presentation	New Gold coordinated an Earth Rangers presentation/educational program to Sturgeon Creek Alternative Program.	The school assembly program was to engage students to be environmental stewards through interactive activities. New Gold provided	Sturgeon Creek Alternative Program, Earth Rangers	Public

				the introduction.		
2/23/2022	3700	Meeting	New Gold held their quarterly JIC meeting with Big Island.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
3/1/2022	3702	Meeting	New Gold met with Big Grassy and one of their contract partners to discuss contract items.	Confidential discussion was held.	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
3/1/2022	3704	E-mail	The Weekly Spill Report was distributed by the Environmental department (Feb 21 - 27, 2022).	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
3/1/2022	3701	E-mail	New Gold emailed Indigenous leadership to advise that NG had hired a contractor to meet with local Indigenous leadership and develop an Indigenous inclusion plan that seeks to improve procurement outcomes.	New Gold would reach out to leadership to set up meetings when the contractor is on site.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal

3/1/2022	3703	E-mail	New Gold emailed the Weekly Incident Report of Feb 21-27, 2022.		Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
3/2/2022	3705	Meeting	New Gold held their quarterly JIC meeting with Onigaming.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
3/2/2022	3706	E-mail	RRFDC contacted New Gold to request a presentation on the procurement process.	New Gold advised that they would determine who should present to RRFDC and then work with RRFDC to arrange a presentation date.	Rainy River Future Development Corporation	Public
3/3/2022	3841	E-mail	New Gold received communication from CCS re: campaign. Delays in launching a New Gold landing page, information handout to be sent for feedback. CCS provided link to the Northern Ontario Campaign website.	New Gold will create a link on the Colours for a Cause SharePoint page to promote the campaign.	Canadian Cancer Society	Public
3/5/2022	3722	Phone Call	Earth Rangers approached New Gold to see if the program could be expanded to include STEM activities.	Earth Rangers had received increased funding from other previous sponsorships that could be	Earth Rangers	Public

				used to expand the program NG was sponsoring. New Gold agreed that it was a good idea to proceed and would provide acknowledgement to the other sponsors.		
3/5/2022	3842	External Feedback	A site neighbour inquired about a blast that had occurred on March 5, 2022 at 3pm. The neighbour advised that the blast was very loud.	NG investigated and determined that the blast was louder than typical as it was a shallow surface blast (frost shot) with low cloud cover conditions; this resulted in a larger than normal sound/shock wave. The neighbour was advised of the findings and were appreciative of the investigation.	Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public
3/7/2022	3710	Meeting	New Gold and Big Island met for a Leadership meeting between the GM and Band Manager, as designated in their Agreement.	Confidential discussion was held.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal

3/7/2022	3709	E-mail	New Gold shared current job postings as of March 7, 2022.		Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
3/7/2022	3708	E-mail	New Gold emailed the Weekly Incident Report of Feb 28 - Mar 06, 2022.		Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
3/7/2022	3711	Meeting	New Gold and Big Grassy met for a Leadership meeting between the GM and Band Manager, as designated in their Agreement.	BGFN's Director of Operations acted as Band Manager for this meeting; a confidential discussion was held.	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal

3/7/2022	3723	Presentation	New Gold coordinated an Earth Rangers presentation/educational program to Riverview Public School.	The school assembly program was to engage students to be environmental stewards through interactive activities. New Gold provided the introduction.	Riverview Public School, Earth Rangers	Public
3/8/2022	3726	Presentation	New Gold coordinated an Earth Rangers presentation/educational program to Sturgeon Creek School.	The school assembly program was to engage students to be environmental stewards through interactive activities. New Gold provided the introduction.	Earth Rangers, Sturgeon Creek School	Public
3/8/2022	3724	Presentation	New Gold coordinated an Earth Rangers presentation/educational program to North Star Community School.	The school assembly program was to engage students to be environmental stewards through interactive activities. New Gold provided the introduction.	North Star Community School, Earth Rangers	Public
3/8/2022	3683	Other	New Gold approved support for donations and/or sponsorship to the Nestor Falls Recreation Committee, Fort Frances Family Centre, Fort Frances Sports Hall of Fame, March of Dimes, MNO, Backpack		Emo Food Bank, Fort Frances Family Centre, Métis Nation of Ontario, United Native Friendship Centre, Rainy River District Stewardship, West End Food Bank, Nestor Falls Recreation Committee, Fort Frances Sports Hall of Fame, Salvation Army	Public and Aboriginal

			for Kids, Emo Speedway, Emo Food Bank, Rainy River District Stewardship, Salvation Army, West End Food Bank, and United Native Friendship Centre.			
3/9/2022	3729	Meeting	New Gold attended a Leadership meeting between the Chief and NG's CEO.	Confidential matters were discussed.	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
3/9/2022	3728	Meeting	New Gold attended a Leadership meeting between the Chief and NG's CEO.	Confidential matters were discussed.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
3/9/2022	3727	Meeting	New Gold held their quarterly JIC meeting with MNO.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
3/9/2022	3731	Presentation	New Gold coordinated an Earth Rangers presentation/educational program to Mine Centre Public School.	The school assembly program was to engage students to be environmental stewards through interactive activities. New Gold provided the introduction.	Earth Rangers, Mine Centre Public School	Public
3/9/2022	3730	Presentation	New Gold coordinated an Earth Rangers presentation/educational program to J.W. Walker School.	The school assembly program was to engage students to be environmental stewards through interactive activities. New Gold provided the introduction.	Earth Rangers, JW Walker School	Public

3/10/2022	3732	Presentation	New Gold coordinated an Earth Rangers presentation/educational program to Crossroads Public School.	The school assembly program was to engage students to be environmental stewards through interactive activities. New Gold provided the introduction.	Earth Rangers,Crossroads Public School	Public
3/10/2022	3733	Presentation	New Gold coordinated an Earth Rangers presentation/educational program to McCrosson Tovell School.	The school assembly program was to engage students to be environmental stewards through interactive activities. New Gold provided the introduction.	McCrosson Tovell School,Earth Rangers	Public
3/11/2022	3734	Meeting	New Gold held their quarterly JIC meeting with BGFN.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
3/11/2022	3735	Presentation	New Gold coordinated an Earth Rangers presentation/educational program to Nestor Falls School.	The school assembly program was to engage students to be environmental stewards through interactive activities. New Gold provided the introduction.	Earth Rangers,Nestor Falls School	Public
3/12/2022	3725	Presentation	New Gold coordinated an Earth Rangers presentation/educational program to Our Lady of the Way School.	The school assembly program was to engage students to be environmental stewards through interactive activities. New	Earth Rangers,Our Lady of the Way School	Public

				Gold provided the introduction.		
3/14/2022	3737	E-mail	New Gold emailed the Weekly Incident Report of Mar 07 - Mar 13, 2022.		Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
3/14/2022	3736	Meeting	New Gold travelled to Whitefish Bay to attend a Leadership meeting between Band Manager and the GM.	Confidential matters were discussed.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
3/21/2022	3739	E-mail	New Gold emailed the Weekly Incident Report of Mar 14 - Mar 20, 2022.		Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
3/21/2022	3740	E-mail	MNO asked NG how many Métis citizens applied for apprenticeship positions and were successful within the past year.	New Gold provided the information as requested.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal

3/21/2022	3738	E-mail	New Gold emailed Indigenous leadership a monthly report for February 2022 that summarizes employment and business aspects.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
3/22/2022	3741	E-mail	The Weekly Spill Report was distributed by the Environmental department (Feb 28 - Mar 06, 2022).	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
3/22/2022	3745	E-mail	New Gold emailed the meeting minutes from the EMB meeting held on November 23, 2021 along with an agenda for an upcoming meeting scheduled on March 30, 2022.	No further action required.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal

3/22/2022	3742	E-mail	The Weekly Spill Report was distributed by the Environmental department (Mar 07 - Mar 13, 2022).	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
3/22/2022	3743	E-mail	The Weekly Spill Report was distributed by the Environmental department (Mar 14 - Mar 20, 2022).	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
3/22/2022	3744	E-mail	New Gold emailed the meeting minutes from the EMB meeting held on January 13, 2022 along with an agenda for an upcoming meeting scheduled on March 30, 2022.	No further action required.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal

3/22/2022	3746	E-mail	New Gold emailed EMB members the Notice of Upcoming Government Applications in 2022; New Gold did not anticipate the need for any new Government permits or approvals for 2022.		Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
3/23/2022	3747	Meeting	The monthly meeting was cancelled as all parties were unable to participate and unable to set up an alternate date.		Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
3/24/2022	3749	E-mail	New Gold emailed a poster to RRFN JIC members and Chief that highlighted the Science North event coordinated with the community. The event was scheduled for the evening of April 7, 2022.	RRFN declined the event as they had not been notified beforehand.	Science North, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
3/24/2022	3748	E-mail	New Gold emailed a poster to Onigaming JIC members and Chief that highlighted the Science North event coordinated with Mikinaak School. The event was scheduled for the evening of April 5, 2022.	Onigaming suggested changes to the poster so it would be less focused on the mining industry and more generally about science.	Science North, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
3/25/2022	3750	Open House	New Gold attended a two-day career fair in Thunder Bay.	New Gold received over 100 applications.	City of Thunder Bay	Public and Aboriginal

3/28/2022	3752	Meeting	New Gold coordinated a meeting between Mitaanjigamiing and a consultant hired by New Gold to gather input from the community in an effort to understand current issues and improve the procurement process.		Mitaanjigamiing First Nation	Aboriginal
3/28/2022	3753	Meeting	New Gold coordinated a meeting between Couchiching and a consultant hired by New Gold to gather input from the community in an effort to understand current issues and improve the procurement process.	New Gold participated by request.	Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal
3/29/2022	3755	Meeting	New Gold coordinated a meeting between Big Island and a consultant hired by New Gold to gather input from the community in an effort to understand current issues and improve the procurement process.		Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
3/29/2022	3757	E-mail	New Gold emailed the Regional Councillor a number of potential meeting dates to coordinate a Leadership meeting as	New Gold did not receive a response.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal

			outlined in the Agreement.			
3/29/2022	3756	Meeting	New Gold coordinated a meeting between Nigigoonsiminikaaning and a consultant hired by New Gold to gather input from the community in an effort to understand current issues and improve the procurement process.	New Gold participated by request.	Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation	Aboriginal
3/29/2022	3754	E-mail	New Gold emailed the Weekly Incident Report of Mar 21 - Mar 27, 2022.		Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
3/30/2022	3758	Meeting	New Gold coordinated a meeting between RRFN and a consultant hired by New Gold to gather input from the community in an effort to understand current issues and improve the procurement process.		Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal

<p>3/30/2022</p>	<p>3843</p>	<p>Meeting</p>	<p>New Gold held an EMB meeting via teleconference. Permits update included: - Industrial Sewage ECA Amendment (awaiting review/approval from MECP); - Air ECA Amendment (awaiting review/approval from MECP - technical review has begun); and - Closure Plan Amendment (submitted Dec 1, 2021 to ENDM) - changes included updated closure costs and mine infrastructure (under review); - Stockpile Dam - a new PTTW is required and is still in approvals phase - Stage 4 Dam Raise(Notice of Material Change) - waiting to submit response on settling studies as per NDMNRF questions Spill reports were also discussed; There were no questions or concerns regarding any spill reports distributed since last meeting. Spill reporting procedures were explained.</p>		<p>Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation</p>	<p>Aboriginal</p>
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3/30/2022	3759	Phone Call	New Gold was contacted by an employee of Rainycrest to ask if New Gold would provide a tour of the mine site for the long term care residents.	New Gold advised that no decisions have yet been made on providing public tours since the easing of COVID restrictions. New Gold will discuss again at a later date.	Rainycrest Long Term Care	Public
3/31/2022	3761	Meeting	New Gold coordinated a meeting between Naicatchewenin and a consultant hired by New Gold to gather input from the community in an effort to understand current issues and improve the procurement process.	New Gold participated by request.	Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
3/31/2022	3760	Meeting	New Gold coordinated a meeting between Big Grassy and a consultant hired by New Gold to gather input from the community in an effort to understand current issues and improve the procurement process.		Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
4/4/2022	3844	E-mail	New Gold emailed Indigenous leadership to request virtual meetings with a consultant. New Gold has hired the consultant to improve on procurement and	New Gold was coordinating the meetings with the consultant to gain community input. Some other communities	Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal

			supply chain practices and increase Indigenous inclusion in resource development.	already provided input.		
4/5/2022	3762	Community Event	New Gold sponsored Science North programming in the community.	The programming included a science show and activity stations to help gain an understanding of mining.	Science North, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
4/6/2022	3763	E-mail	New Gold emailed the Weekly Incident Report of Mar 28 - Apr 03, 2022.		Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
4/6/2022	3764	Community Event	New Gold sponsored Science North programming in the community.	The programming included a science show and activity stations to help gain an understanding of mining.	Science North, Mikinaak Onigaming School	Aboriginal
4/7/2022	3769	E-mail	New Gold shared current job postings as of April 7, 2022.		Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa	Public and Aboriginal

					Zhing First Nation,Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services,Seine River First Nation,Buffalo Point First Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Couchiching First Nation,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Rainy River First Nations,Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
4/7/2022	3767	E-mail	New Gold emailed a poster to Couchiching JIC members and Chief that highlighted the Science North event coordinated with the community. The event was scheduled for the evening of April 13, 2022.	The event on April 13th was rescheduled to June 8th due to inclement weather.	Science North,Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal
4/7/2022	3765	E-mail	The Weekly Spill Report was distributed by the Environmental department (Mar 21 - Mar 27, 2022).	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Métis Nation of Ontario,Big Grassy First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Nigigoonsimikaaning First Nation,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Seine River First Nation,Buffalo Point First Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Couchiching First Nation,Township of Chapple,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Rainy River First Nations,Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
4/7/2022	3771	Community Event	New Gold sponsored Science North	The programming included a science show	Science North,Sturgeon Creek School	Public

			programming in the school.	and activity stations to help gain an understanding of mining.		
4/7/2022	3887	External Feedback	A local resident stopped in at the Emo office to complain about a mine vehicle speeding on Off Lake Road during poor winter driving conditions. The resident also shared concerns of increased traffic on Off Lake Road due to the mine and an increase in the amount of garbage on the side of the road.	NG reminded all employees and contractors to avoid Off Lake Road usage, as per an internal policy. The resident would call if there were further concerns.	Local Resident (>10km of project footprint)	Public
4/7/2022	3770	Phone Call	The Fort Frances Chamber of Commerce contacted New Gold and asked if NG would like to participate in the upcoming Business Expo in Fort Frances.	New Gold agreed to participate.	Fort Frances Chamber of Commerce	Public
4/7/2022	3766	E-mail	The Weekly Spill Report was distributed by the Environmental department (Mar 28 - Apr 03, 2022).	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First	Public and Aboriginal

					Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
4/7/2022	3768	E-mail	New Gold emailed a poster to Naicatchewenin JIC member and Chief that highlighted the Science North event coordinated with the community. The event was scheduled for the evening of April 12, 2022.		Science North, Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
4/8/2022	3773	Community Event	New Gold sponsored Science North programming in the school.	The programming included a science show and activity stations to help gain an understanding of mining.	Science North, Crossroads Public School	Public
4/8/2022	3772	E-mail	New Gold emailed Indigenous leadership a monthly report for March 2022 that summarizes employment and business aspects.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
4/11/2022	3774	E-mail	New Gold emailed community leaders to find out if there was interest in having	New Gold shared dates proposed by Science North if the	Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning	Aboriginal

			Science North (sponsored by New Gold) travel to the community schools and communities for a Science Show.	communities chose to participate.	First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation	
4/11/2022	3775	E-mail	The Weekly Spill Report was distributed by the Environmental department (Apr 04 - Apr 10, 2022).	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
4/12/2022	3776	E-mail	New Gold extended an invitation to area Chiefs for a meet and greet of New Gold's CEO and board of directors.	The meet and greet is planned for April 30th at the Roundhouse.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
4/12/2022	3778	Community Event	New Gold sponsored Science North programming in the community.	The programming included a science show and activity stations to help gain an understanding of mining.	Science North, Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal

4/12/2022	3777	Meeting	New Gold travelled to WFB to have a JIC meeting and the community hosted a fish fry.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Naotkamegwaning First Nation	Aboriginal
4/13/2022	3779	Community Event	New Gold sponsored Science North programming in the school.	The programming included a science show and activity stations to help gain an understanding of mining.	Science North, Fort Frances High School	Public and Aboriginal
4/14/2022	3780	E-mail	New Gold emailed a community leader to find out if there was interest in having Science North (sponsored by New Gold) travel to the community school and community for a Science Show.	New Gold shared dates proposed by Science North if the community chose to participate.	Mitaanjigamiing First Nation	Aboriginal
4/18/2022	3782	E-mail	New Gold responded to a request for carving stone for a local carver and if NG would be interested in artwork.	New Gold advised that the type of stone at site is not useful for carving as it is too hard. The artwork request was sent to Corporate for their consideration.	General Public	Public
4/18/2022	3781	E-mail	New Gold emailed EMB members the approval for the Operations ECA Tonnage Amendment, as received from MECP.	New Gold invited any questions email recipients may have.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal

4/19/2022	3783	E-mail	New Gold emailed EMB members the link to the 2021 Annual Compliance Report.	New Gold invited any questions email recipients may have.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
4/20/2022	3784	Meeting	New Gold held their monthly JIC meeting with NFN.	RRFN did not participate. Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
4/21/2022	3788	E-mail	New Gold invited local Indigenous leadership, EMB and JIC members to the Spring Ceremony.	New Gold asked the invitation to be shared with council members and Elders.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
4/21/2022	3786	E-mail	New Gold emailed Agreement partners an evaluation tool to get feedback on the status of current Agreement relationships with the goal of improving relationships.		Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal

4/21/2022	3787	Meeting	New Gold travelled to AWZFN to attend a Leadership meeting between the Acting Band Manager and the GM.	Confidential matters were discussed.	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal
4/21/2022	3785	E-mail	New Gold shared an announcement of the millionth ounce pour at the RR mine.		Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
4/25/2022	3791	E-mail	The Weekly Spill Report was distributed by the Environmental department (Apr 11 - Apr 17, 2022).	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
4/25/2022	3789	E-mail	New Gold emailed the Weekly Incident Reports of Apr 04 - 10 and Apr 11 - 17, 2022.		Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine	Public and Aboriginal

					River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
4/25/2022	3790	E-mail	New Gold shared an employment opportunity for a welder apprenticeship.		Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
4/26/2022	3715	Meeting	New Gold and the Township of Chapple cancelled the meeting as there were no items requiring discussion.	New Gold and Chapple agreed to meet on July 26, 2022.	Township of Chapple	Public
4/26/2022	3798	E-mail	New Gold emailed the Chief a number of potential meeting dates to coordinate a Leadership meeting as outlined in the Agreement.	New Gold did not receive a response.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal

4/26/2022	3793	E-mail	New Gold emailed JIC members the link to the 2021 Annual Compliance Report.	New Gold invited any questions email recipients may have.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
4/26/2022	3792	E-mail	New Gold emailed JIC members the approval for the Operations ECA Tonnage Amendment, as received from MECP.	New Gold invited any questions email recipients may have.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
4/27/2022	3794	Meeting	New Gold held their quarterly JIC meeting with AWZFN via teleconference.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal
4/28/2022	3795	Open House	New Gold participated in a 2-day career fair in Thunder Bay.		City of Thunder Bay	Public and Aboriginal
4/30/2022	3796	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	New Gold hosted a meet and greet at the roundhouse to provide Indigenous leadership an opportunity to meet the CEO and Board of Directors.		Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
5/3/2022	3799	E-mail	New Gold emailed the Regional Councillor a number of potential meeting dates to coordinate a	New Gold did not receive a response.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal

			Leadership meeting as outlined in the Agreement.			
5/3/2022	3800	E-mail	The Weekly Spill Report was distributed by the Environmental department (Apr 18 - Apr 24, 2022).	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
5/4/2022	3801	Ceremony	New Gold hosted Spring Ceremony at the Roundhouse. The officiant was an Elder from Naicatchewenin First Nation.	There were approximately 40 participants.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
5/5/2022	3802	Community Event	New Gold participated in a career fair in the community.	There were approximately 20 participants.	Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
5/9/2022	3803	E-mail	New Gold emailed an organizational announcement introducing the new Community Relations Superintendent.		Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First	Aboriginal

					Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
5/10/2022	3804	E-mail	New Gold emailed the band manager a number of potential meeting dates to coordinate a Leadership meeting as outlined in the Agreement.	New Gold did not receive a response.	Naotkamegwaning First Nation	Aboriginal
5/11/2022	3805	E-mail	New Gold emailed Indigenous leadership a monthly report for April 2022 that summarizes employment and business aspects.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
5/11/2022	3981	Meeting	New Gold held their monthly JIC meeting with RRFN/NFN.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
5/14/2022	3888	Community Event	New Gold attended an event hosted by the Fort Frances Chamber of Commerce.		Fort Frances Chamber of Commerce	Public
5/16/2022	3806	E-mail	New Gold emailed a poster to Naotkamegwaning JIC members and Chief that highlighted the Science North event coordinated with the community. The		Science North, Naotkamegwaning First Nation	Aboriginal

			event was scheduled for the evening of May 25, 2022.			
5/17/2022	3809	E-mail	New Gold emailed JIC members a copy of the filing letter for the Closure Plan Amendment as well as a Technical Memo with details of their assessment, as received from the Ministry of Northern Development Mining Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNR).	New Gold invited any questions email recipients may have.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
5/17/2022	3815	E-mail	New Gold emailed EMB members a copy of the filing letter for the Closure Plan Amendment as well as a Technical Memo with details of their assessment, as received from the Ministry of Northern Development Mining Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNR).	New Gold invited any questions email recipients may have.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
5/17/2022	3813	E-mail	New Gold emailed Advisory Committee members a copy of the renewed PTTW, which includes Stockpile Pond dewatering, as received from the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP).	New Gold invited any questions email recipients may have.	Mitaanjigamiing First Nation	Aboriginal

5/17/2022	3812	E-mail	New Gold emailed JIC members a copy of the renewed PTTW, which includes Stockpile Pond dewatering, as received from the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP).	New Gold invited any questions email recipients may have.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
5/17/2022	3814	E-mail	New Gold emailed EMB members a copy of the filing letter for the Closure Plan Amendment as well as a Technical Memo with details of their assessment, as received from the Ministry of Northern Development Mining Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNR).	New Gold invited any questions email recipients may have.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
5/17/2022	3808	E-mail	New Gold emailed JIC members a copy of the filing letter for the Closure Plan Amendment as well as a Technical Memo with details of their assessment, as received from the Ministry of Northern Development Mining Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNR).	New Gold invited any questions email recipients may have.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
5/17/2022	3821	E-mail	New Gold emailed a poster to Big Grassy and Big Island JIC members and		Science North, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal

			Chiefs that highlighted the Science North event coordinated in the community of Big Grassy. The event was scheduled for the evening of May 25, 2022.			
5/17/2022	3811	E-mail	New Gold emailed JIC members a copy of the renewed PTTW, which includes Stockpile Pond dewatering, as received from the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP).	New Gold invited any questions email recipients may have.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
5/17/2022	3816	E-mail	New Gold emailed Enviro sub-committee members a copy of the filing letter for the Closure Plan Amendment as well as a Technical Memo with details of their assessment, as received from the Ministry of Northern Development Mining Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNR).	New Gold invited any questions email recipients may have.	Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal
5/17/2022	3820	E-mail	New Gold emailed a poster to AWZFN JIC members and Chief that highlighted the Science North event coordinated in the neighbouring community of Whitefish Bay.		Science North, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal

			The event was scheduled for the evening of May 25, 2022.			
5/17/2022	3817	E-mail	New Gold emailed EMB members a copy of the renewed PTTW, which includes Stockpile Pond dewatering, as received from the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP).	New Gold invited any questions email recipients may have.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
5/17/2022	3819	E-mail	New Gold emailed Enviro sub-committee members a copy of the renewed PTTW, which includes Stockpile Pond dewatering, as received from the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP).	New Gold invited any questions email recipients may have.	Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal
5/17/2022	3818	E-mail	New Gold emailed EMB members a copy of the renewed PTTW, which includes Stockpile Pond dewatering, as received from the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP).	New Gold invited any questions email recipients may have.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
5/17/2022	3810	E-mail	New Gold emailed Advisory Committee members a copy of the filing letter for the Closure Plan Amendment as well as a Technical Memo with details of their assessment, as received from the	New Gold invited any questions email recipients may have.	Mitaanigamiing First Nation	Aboriginal

			Ministry of Northern Development Mining Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNR).			
5/18/2022	3845	Community Meeting	New Gold attended the annual general meeting of the Rainy River District Municipal Association.	New Gold provided a project update. There were approximately 40 participants.	Rainy River District Municipal Association	Public
5/18/2022	3824	E-mail	The Weekly Spill Report was distributed by the Environmental department (May 02 - 08, 2022).	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
5/18/2022	3825	E-mail	The Weekly Spill Report was distributed by the Environmental department (May 09 - 15, 2022).	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First	Public and Aboriginal

					Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
5/18/2022	3823	E-mail	The Weekly Spill Report was distributed by the Environmental department (Apr 25 - May 1, 2022).	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
5/18/2022	3822	E-mail	A revised Weekly Spill Report was distributed by the Environmental department (Apr 18 - Apr 24, 2022).	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
5/19/2022	3889	Community Event	New Gold met with Science North.		Science North	Public

5/19/2022	3826	E-mail	New Gold emailed the minutes for the EMB meeting held on March 30, 2022.		Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
5/20/2022	3828	E-mail	New Gold emailed the Weekly Incident Reports of April 18-24, April 25-May 1, May 2-8 and May 9-15 2022.		Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
5/24/2022	3830	E-mail	New Gold emailed the Chief a copy of the renewed PTTW, which includes Stockpile Pond dewatering, as received from the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP).	New Gold invited any questions the Chief may have.	Seine River First Nation	Aboriginal
5/24/2022	3890	Meeting	New Gold met with UNFC to provide an introduction to the Community Relations Superintendent and learn more about the organization.		United Native Friendship Centre	Aboriginal
5/24/2022	3829	E-mail	New Gold emailed the Chief a copy of the filing letter for the Closure Plan Amendment as well as a Technical Memo	New Gold invited any questions the Chief may have.	Seine River First Nation	Aboriginal

			with details of their assessment, as received from the Ministry of Northern Development Mining Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNR).			
5/25/2022	3831	E-mail	New Gold emailed JIC members the meeting minutes from the EMB meeting held on March 30, 2022.		Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
5/25/2022	3833	E-mail	The Weekly Spill Report was distributed by the Environmental department (May 16 - 22, 2022).	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimikaniing First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
5/25/2022	3834	Community Event	New Gold sponsored Science North programming in the school.	The programming included a science show and activity stations to help gain an understanding of mining.	Science North, Baibombeh Anishinabe School	Aboriginal

5/25/2022	3832	E-mail	A revised Weekly Spill Report was distributed by the Environmental department (May 9 - 15, 2022).	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
5/25/2022	3835	Community Event	New Gold sponsored Science North programming in the community.	The programming included a science show and activity stations to help gain an understanding of mining.	Science North, Naotkamegwaning First Nation	Aboriginal
5/26/2022	3837	Community Event	New Gold sponsored Science North programming in the community.	The programming included a science show and activity stations to help gain an understanding of mining.	Science North, Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
5/26/2022	3846	Community Event	New Gold participated in a career fair being hosted by the FFHS.		Fort Frances High School	Public and Aboriginal
5/26/2022	3836	Community Event	New Gold sponsored Science North programming in the school.	The programming included a science show and activity stations to help gain an understanding of mining.	Science North, Pegamigaabo School	Aboriginal

5/27/2022	3847	E-mail	New Gold emailed EMB members an invitation to an EMB meeting for June 14, 2022, along with an agenda and the meeting minutes of the last meeting held January 13, 2022.		Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
5/27/2022	3848	E-mail	New Gold emailed EMB members an invitation to an EMB meeting for June 22, 2022, along with an agenda and the meeting minutes of the last meeting held March 30, 2022.		Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
5/27/2022	3838	Community Event	New Gold sponsored Science North programming in the school.	The programming included a science show and activity stations to help gain an understanding of mining.	Science North, McCrosson Tovell School	Public
5/28/2022	3839	Community Event	New Gold sponsored Science North programming in the community. New Gold is also participating in a tradeshow taking place at the same time in another part of the facility.	The programming included a science show and activity stations to help gain an understanding of mining. New Gold's HR provided information on employment and tips on resume writing for youth.	Science North, Town of Rainy River	Public
5/31/2022	3850	E-mail	New Gold emailed the Chief and JIC member information on the Science North event upcoming	New Gold partnered with Science North in bringing the science show to this	Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal

			on June 8, 2022 in the community and confirmed participation in the Couchiching FN Ontario Works and Education Career Fair on the same date.	community as well as others.		
5/31/2022	3849	E-mail	The Weekly Spill Report was distributed by the Environmental department (May 23 - 29, 2022).	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
6/1/2022	3852	Meeting	New Gold held their quarterly JIC meeting with Big Island.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
6/1/2022	3891	Other	New Gold went to Couchiching to help out with sandbagging efforts to help prevent further flooding.		Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal
6/1/2022	3851	E-mail	New Gold emailed the Weekly Incident Reports of May 16-22 and May 23-29 2022.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First	Public and Aboriginal

					Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
6/6/2022	3854	E-mail	The Weekly Spill Report was distributed by the Environmental department (May 30 - June 5, 2022).	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
6/6/2022	3853	E-mail	New Gold emailed the 2021 Sustainability Report to all JIC and EMB members and to leadership.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
6/7/2022	3855	E-mail	The Fort Frances Chamber of	The report was distributed to	Fort Frances Chamber of Commerce	Public

			Commerce shared the April 2022 jobs demand report for the Northwestern Ontario area.	the HR department.		
6/7/2022	3892	Meeting	New Gold went to Couchiching to meet with the Chief and introduce the new Chief Operating Officer.		Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal
6/8/2022	3856	E-mail	New Gold emailed the Weekly Incident Report of May 30 - June 5 2022.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
6/8/2022	3857	E-mail	New Gold shared current job postings as of June 8, 2022 along with job descriptions for some of the positions.		Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First	Public and Aboriginal

					Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
6/9/2022	3684	Other	New Gold approved support for donations and/or sponsorship to the Fort Frances Museum and Cultural Centre, Couchiching First Nation Pow Wow, Ducks Unlimited, Crossroads School, Emo Public Library, West Rainy River New Gold Youth Grant, Sturgeon Creek School Council, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation Family Fun Day, Seven Gens Welding Camp, Railroad Daze in Rainy River, Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Foundation, Emo Walleye Classic, Robert Moore School Family Picnic, Rainy River High School Chem Free Grad, Fort Frances High School Chem Free Grad, Lake of the Woods Women's Walleye Tournament, Rainy River Walleye Tournament, and Township of		Emo Public Library, Fort Frances Museum & Cultural Centre, Rainy River High School, Fort Frances High School, Seven Generations Education Institute, Crossroads Public School, Sturgeon Creek School, Ducks Unlimited, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Foundation, Couchiching First Nation, Robert Moore School, Township of Chapple, Town of Rainy River	Public and Aboriginal

			Chapple Canada Celebration.			
6/13/2022	3858	E-mail	New Gold emailed the Weekly Incident Report of June 6 - 12 2022.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
6/13/2022	3859	E-mail	New Gold sent out an invitation for the next EMB meeting to be held on June 22, 2022.	The minutes from the last meeting of March 30, 2022 were distributed as well.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
6/13/2022	3860	E-mail	The Weekly Spill Report was distributed by the Environmental department (June 6 - 12, 2022).	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First	Public and Aboriginal

					Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
6/14/2022	3862	Meeting	New Gold hosted a teleconference EMB meeting; it was cancelled due to lack of participation.	RRFN declined and NFN did not call in.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
6/16/2022	3863	E-mail	New Gold emailed Indigenous leadership a monthly report for May 2022 that summarizes employment and business aspects.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
6/20/2022	3864	E-mail	New Gold attended the monthly FFCS Chiefs meeting.	A frank and open discussion was held with the Chiefs and other meeting attendees. Share price and youth programming were among the topics discussed.	Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal
6/21/2022	3866	E-mail	New Gold emailed the Weekly Incident Report of June 13 - 19 2022.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa	Public and Aboriginal

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6/22/2022	3870	E-mail	New Gold Distributed PNP packages summarizing upcoming RFPs that may be issued over the next year.		Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal

6/22/2022	3869	Meeting	<p>New Gold hosted a teleconference EMB meeting. The following topics were discussed:</p> <p>Permit updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Industrial Sewage ECA - Completed; received amended Industrial Sewage ECA from MECP; sent to EMB members April 18, 2022. - Air/Noise ECA Amendment - In review/approval process. <p>Correspondence continues between MECP and consultants.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Closure Plan Update - this administrative update is still under review. - Stockpile Dam - Completed - PTTW renewal received; sent to EMB members May 17, 2022. - Stage 4 Dam Raise - Completed - the filing letter was received; sent to EMB members May 17, 2022. <p>Additional permits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Offset Compensation Plan - this plan is required by DFO and ECCC and must be followed. The plans were reworked as originally it would take 9 species in the system to deem it as 	<p>Water management was also discussed; minutes of the EMB meeting were distributed June 28, 2022.</p>	<p>Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation</p>	<p>Aboriginal</p>
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		<p>operating as a functional system. Historically, there have only been 6 species; plan now reflects the initial 6 species. NG has met the success criteria, however the Pinewood River needs to be assessed before considered complete. The West Crrek Diversion and West Creek Pond are in its' fifth year of monitoring and results show that they have been working as intended. Clark Creek Diversion and Pond are short on a couple of species but will ensure it meets baseline numbers. Stockpile will not have a liner installed now as there is no guarantee of the sustainability of the liner and NG does not want to interfere with the works of the pond by having to check the liner annually. The upstream meets the original compensation habitat and is functioning as intended this year. Looking at building compensation elsewhere; general plan must be submitted to ECCC this month.</p>			
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			Spill reporting: No questions or concerns regarding the spill reports distributed since the last EMB meeting.			
6/22/2022	3867	Meeting	New Gold held their quarterly JIC meeting with MNO.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
6/22/2022	3868	E-mail	The Weekly Spill Report was distributed by the Environmental department (June 13 - 19, 2022).	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First	Public and Aboriginal

					Nations,Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
6/27/2022	3871	E-mail	New Gold emailed the Weekly Incident Report of June 20 - 26 2022.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Métis Nation of Ontario,Big Grassy First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Nigigoonsimikaaning First Nation,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Seine River First Nation,Buffalo Point First Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Couchiching First Nation,Township of Chapple,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Rainy River First Nations,Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
6/28/2022	3893	External Feedback	A local resident complained of a NG vehicle travelling on Off Lake Road, providing the truck's identification number. The resident was aware that NG employees are not supposed to use this road.	Health & Safety contacted the employee from the vehicle id and advised that they were restricted from using the road; a site communication regarding the restrictions on Off Lake Road was distributed with all employees and contractors.	Local Resident (>10km of project footprint)	Public
6/28/2022	3872	Meeting	New Gold held their monthly JIC meeting with RRFN/NFN.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Naicatchewenin First Nation,Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal

6/28/2022	3874	E-mail	New Gold emailed the meeting minutes to EMB members of the EMB meeting held on June 22, 2022.		Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
6/28/2022	3873	Meeting	New Gold hosted a virtual Lunch and Learn for JIC and EMB members on reclamation and mine closure.	A copy of the presentation was emailed prior to the presentation to all meeting invitees. New Gold took notes of all questions asked during the presentation and shared with meeting invitees on July 6, 2022.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
6/29/2022	3875	Mass Mailout	New Gold mailed the RRP 2022 Newsletter Issue 1 to the following communities: Rainy River, Fort Frances (includes Couchiching, Nigigoonsiminikaa ning, Mitaanjigamiing, Lac La Croix, Sunset Country Métis), Devlin (includes Naicatchewenin), Emo (includes Rainy River First Nations), Barwick, Stratton, Pinewood, Sleeman (includes Big Grassy, Big Island), Nestor Falls (includes Onigaming), Mine Centre (includes Seine River), and		Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal

			Pawitik (includes Whitefish Bay, Northwest Angle 37 and Sioux Narrows). A digital version was also posted on the New Gold website. A digital copy of the newsletter was emailed to all communities, including those that lay outside of the local mail distribution (those communities include: Buffalo Point, Rat Portage (Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum) and Northwest Angle 33).			
7/3/2022	3876	E-mail	The Chief emailed New Gold and a number of NDMNRF personnel and other area Chiefs and staff, summarizing his concerns with mining in the area and his opposition to the registration of recent mining claims he was copied on.	New Gold asked to travel to the community to discuss but the Chief declined further interactions at this time.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
7/5/2022	3878	E-mail	New Gold emailed EMB meeting minutes of June 22, 2022 to JIC members, as already shared with EMB members.		Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal

7/5/2022	3877	Meeting	<p>New Gold held a joint Advisory Committee and Enviro sub-committee meeting. Environmental matters discussed included:</p> <p>Received Permits: PTTW (Open Pit Dewatering Wells), ECA (Industrial Sewage Works), and PTTW (renewal for the Open Pit) Update on permit applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> --Amendment for Industrial Sewage Works ECA - received; this was an administrative change, revising a quarterly average of allowable throughput to an annual average. --Closure Plan Amendment - still pending and in review stage (revision is updates to listed infrastructure and smaller pit shell). --PTTW renewal for the stock pond and associated diversions - received from MECP. <p>New info on Offset Compensation Plan - currently working with DFO and Env Canada at reformulating existing plans regarding built fish habitat.</p>	<p>It was confirmed that spill reporting is being received; there were no questions regarding any of the reporting. Seine River, Lac La Croix and Mitaanjigamiing did not participate in the meeting.</p>	<p>Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation</p>	<p>Aboriginal</p>
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7/6/2022	3880	E-mail	New Gold emailed a summary of the questions and responses from the Enviro Lunch & Learn held on June 28th on Reclamation and Mine Closure along with further detail on questions asked relating to vegetation trials and closure plan consultation.		Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
7/6/2022	3879	E-mail	New Gold emailed a summary of the questions and responses from the Enviro Lunch & Learn held on June 28th on Reclamation and Mine Closure to all who had been invited.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
7/8/2022	3881	E-mail	The Weekly Spill Report was distributed by the Environmental department (June 20 - 26 and June 27 - July 3, 2022).	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of	Public and Aboriginal

					Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
7/8/2022	3882	E-mail	New Gold shared current job postings as of July 8, 2022 along with job descriptions for some of the positions.		Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
7/11/2022	3883	E-mail	New Gold emailed the Weekly Incident Reports of June 27 - July 08 2022 and July 04 - July 10 2022.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal

7/11/2022	3884	E-mail	New Gold emailed a copy of the report prepared by the consultant. The report summarized findings and recommendations relating to NG and Indigenous procurement.	The report was shared with all those who participated in the study. NG advised they would contact the participants further once the recommendations were reviewed to work towards aligning and prioritizing the recommendations received.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
7/12/2022	3885	E-mail	The Weekly Spill Report was distributed by the Environmental department (July 4 - July 10, 2022).	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
7/13/2022	3886	E-mail	New Gold emailed Indigenous leadership a monthly report for June 2022 that summarizes employment and business aspects.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First	Aboriginal

					Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
7/13/2022	3982	Meeting	The monthly meeting was cancelled as the parties were unable to meet as scheduled and unable to set up an alternate date.		Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
7/13/2022	3894	Other	Big Grassy invited NG to participate in a community hosted information fair.	New Gold participated and provided information on employment opportunities.	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
7/18/2022	3861	E-mail	New Gold emailed the Weekly Incident Report of July 11 - July 17 2022.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
7/19/2022	3896	E-mail	New Gold emailed the Naotkamegwanning EMB member to find out the availability for a call to discuss organizing a Community Information Session.		Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal

7/19/2022	3897	E-mail	New Gold emailed a meeting invite for the quarterly EMB meeting on September 6, 2022.	The agenda and last meeting minutes were attached.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
7/19/2022	3898	Community Event	New Gold sponsored Science North programming in the community.	The programming included a science show and activity stations to help gain an understanding of mining. There were approximately 25 participants.	Sunset Country Métis	Public and Aboriginal
7/19/2022	3895	E-mail	New Gold emailed the AWZFN EMB member to find out the availability for a call to discuss organizing a Community Information Session.	The EMB member requested that the JIC member also be included in any correspondence relating to the sessions.	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal
7/20/2022	3900	Community Event	New Gold sponsored Science North programming in the community.	The programming included a science show and activity stations to help gain an understanding of mining. There were approximately 20 participants.	Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal
7/20/2022	3899	Meeting	New Gold held their quarterly JIC meeting with Naotkamegwanning.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
7/22/2022	3901	Other	NG offered support to the Twsp of Sioux-Narrows and Nestor Falls area after the tornado	The Twsp responded with appreciation of the offer and	Township of Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls	Public

			touch down in the Caliper Lake area that caused extensive damage.	would advise NG if needed.		
7/22/2022	3902	External Feedback	A neighbour had an issue with water backing up onto his property from NG property.	The site was dewatered and monitored to determine if further dewatering would be required.	Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public
7/25/2022	3903	E-mail	NG received an email request for a tour from AON.	NG requested further details and also advised that NG had not started providing tours and were still waiting for permission to start planning tours. NG ensure a tour would be offered once tours were again provided.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
7/25/2022	3904	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	A local resident stopped by the Emo office to get information on employment.	Contact information for the HR department was provided to the resident.	Local Resident (>10km of project footprint)	Public
7/26/2022	3718	Meeting	New Gold and the Township of Chapple cancelled the meeting as there were no items requiring discussion.	New Gold and Chapple scheduled the next meeting for September 27, 2022.	Township of Chapple	Public
7/26/2022	3905	E-mail	NG received an email request for a tour for summer students.	NG requested further details and also advised that NG had not started providing tours and were still waiting for	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal

				permission to start planning tours. NG advised that they would let RRFN know if a tour would be possible before the students returned to school.		
7/27/2022	3908	Community Event	New Gold sponsored Science North programming in the community.	The programming included a science show and activity stations to help gain an understanding of mining. HR was also present to provide information on employment opportunities.	Kenora Métis Council	Public and Aboriginal
7/27/2022	3907	Other	NG provided resources to assist the Rainy River Public Library with a move.	The library needed to move as they could no longer use the space previously rented.	Rainy River Public Library	Public
7/27/2022	3906	E-mail	The Weekly Spill Report was distributed by the Environmental department (July 11 - 17, 2022).	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First	Public and Aboriginal

					Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
7/28/2022	3909	E-mail	The Weekly Spill Report was distributed by the Environmental department (July 18 - 24, 2022).	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
8/2/2022	3910	E-mail	New Gold was requested to participate in an employment and training committee for the resource sector to help identify the current, short-term, mid-term and long-term needs of resource companies.	The committee would be meeting in Thunder Bay at the time of the CenCan Expo. New Gold agreed to participate.	City of Thunder Bay	Public and Aboriginal
8/3/2022	3911	Site Visit	New Gold provided a tour of the TMA to the AoN JIC member.	The tour was related to an active contract partner.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
8/4/2022	3912	Other	New Gold installed a computer that they had donated to the library. Others will be installed at a later date.		Emo Public Library	Public

8/5/2022	3914	Postal Mail	New Gold received a thank you card from RRPL board for the assistance received in their recent move.		Rainy River Public Library	Public
8/5/2022	3913	E-mail	New Gold was requested to put on a presentation on the procurement process.	New Gold agreed to make arrangements for a presentation.	Rainy River Future Development Corporation	Public
8/8/2022	3916	E-mail	New Gold emailed the Weekly Incident Reports of July 18-24, July 25-31 and Aug 1-7, 2022.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
8/8/2022	3918	E-mail	New Gold distributed the second quarter results of 2022.	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First	Aboriginal

					Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
8/8/2022	3917	E-mail	The Weekly Spill Report was distributed by the Environmental department (July 25-31, 2022).	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
8/9/2022	3983	Meeting	New Gold held their quarterly meeting with AWZFN in the community.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal
8/10/2022	3984	Meeting	New Gold held their monthly JIC meeting with NFN.	RRFN did not participate. Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
8/10/2022	3921	E-mail	New Gold was requested to provide a list of current employment opportunities.	New Gold provided the information.	Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation	Aboriginal
8/10/2022	3920	Meeting	NG had arranged to meet with the Chief and travelled to the community to do so.	The Chief was unable to meet; NG briefly met with a council member instead and had a casual conversation.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal

				A meeting with the Chief will be rescheduled at a later date at the Chief's convenience.		
8/11/2022	3922	Meeting	New Gold had scheduled a meeting with the Chief but he was unable to meet; NG met with a council member instead.	A general discussion with the council member was held; a meeting will be arranged at a later date with Chief and Council if the Chief chooses to meet.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
8/15/2022	3923	E-mail	New Gold emailed Indigenous leadership a monthly report for July 2022 that summarizes employment and business aspects.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
8/15/2022	3924	E-mail	New Gold emailed the Weekly Incident Report of Aug 8-14, 2022.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First	Public and Aboriginal

					Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
8/19/2022	3925	E-mail	The Weekly Spill Report was distributed by the Environmental department (Aug 1-7, 2022).	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
8/19/2022	3926	E-mail	The Weekly Spill Report was distributed by the Environmental department (Aug 8-14, 2022).	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal

8/22/2022	3927	E-mail	New Gold emailed the Weekly Incident Report of Aug 15-21, 2022.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
8/22/2022	3928	E-mail	The Weekly Spill Report was distributed by the Environmental department (Aug 15-21, 2022).	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
8/22/2022	3929	E-mail	New Gold emailed EMB committee members a copy of the amended Air/Noise ECA which allows a maximum daily mill throughput of 32,400 tpd instead of 32,000 tpd, received from the	New Gold invited any questions that members may have. The amendment had been discussed at committee meetings.	Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal

			Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP).			
8/22/2022	3930	E-mail	New Gold emailed EMB committee members a copy of the amended Air/Noise ECA which allows a maximum daily mill throughput of 32,400 tpd instead of 32,000 tpd, received from the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP).	New Gold invited any questions that members may have. The amendment had been discussed at committee meetings.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
8/22/2022	3932	E-mail	New Gold emailed JIC committee members a copy of the amended Air/Noise ECA which allows a maximum daily mill throughput of 32,400 tpd instead of 32,000 tpd, received from the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP).	New Gold invited any questions that members may have. The amendment had been discussed at EMB committee meetings.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
8/22/2022	3931	E-mail	New Gold emailed EMB committee members a copy of the amended Air/Noise ECA which allows a maximum daily mill throughput of 32,400 tpd instead of 32,000 tpd, received from the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP).	New Gold invited any questions that members may have. The amendment had been discussed at committee meetings.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
8/23/2022	3936	Meeting	New Gold met with a company affiliated with RRFN to gain	No further action required.	Sirius Power	Aboriginal

			information on the solar company.			
8/23/2022	3935	External Feedback	A local resident complained of mine traffic traveling with excess speed and reckless behaviours on Lampi Road and the highway. The resident was concerned for his family and neighbours.	NG contacted the local OPP detachment and requested resources to address speeding on Lampi Road, Korpi Road and Hwy 71. The OPP agreed to monitor speeds in this area to discourage poor driving behaviours.	Local Resident (>10km of project footprint)	Public
8/23/2022	3985	Meeting	New Gold held their quarterly meeting with BGFN at Heron Landing golf course.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
8/23/2022	3933	Meeting	New Gold's new community coordinators met with staff at the band office to introduce themselves and explain their role. NG advised they would like to be invited to community events and teachings to learn more about the community and its' members. NG advised they were creating a workshop in resume writing, cover letter writing and could assist in the application process.	NG will update when their workshop is ready to present. AoN requested that additional email contacts be added to the employment opportunities distribution list. NG updated the list.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal

8/23/2022	3934	Meeting	<p>New Gold's new community coordinators met with staff at the band office to introduce themselves and explain their role. NG advised they would like to be invited to community events and teachings to learn more about the community and its' members. NG advised they were creating a workshop in resume writing, cover letter writing and could assist in the application process. NG advised that they were having discussions with a local education institute regarding job readiness workshops and drivers training programs.</p>	<p>NG will update when their workshop is ready to present. Big Grassy requested that additional email contacts be added to the employment opportunities distribution list. NG updated the list. Big Grassy advised that a business was coming in to do a training workshop in September. Big Grassy advised that transportation is a barrier for the community, the lack of drivers and access to transportation.</p>	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
8/25/2022	3938	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	<p>New Gold went to the community and met with the OW worker/councillor.</p>	<p>NG advised that they would be providing workshops on resume building and cover letters; and would like to be invited to community events. The community advised that employment barriers for members is transportation and licenses.</p>	Seine River First Nation	Aboriginal

8/25/2022	3939	E-mail	New Gold's Community Coordinator emailed AON's FN Coordinator a summary of a drop-in visit they had on August 23, 2022 in the community and advised they look forward to working with him as well.		Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
8/25/2022	3937	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	New Gold went to the community and met with the OW workers.	NG advised that they would be providing workshops on resume building and cover letters; would like to be invited to community events; would like to have discussions about next steps at the mine to plan future community engagement with Elders and youth in the community. The community advised that employment barriers for members is transportation and licenses.	Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal
8/25/2022	3940	Phone Call	New Gold contacted site neighbours to determine if they wished to continue in the groundwater monitoring program.	The community department shared the information with Enviro so they would know which wells to test.	Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public

8/25/2022	3941	External Feedback	A site neighbour brought forth a complaint regarding loss of trees on his property as a result of NG's replacement of TMA fencing.	NG investigated and determined that there had been no direct impact on the neighbour's property.	Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public
8/29/2022	3942	Meeting	New Gold's new community coordinators met with AoN's FN Coordinator to introduce themselves. NG advised that they are creating a resume and cover letter writing workshop and will deliver to the community.	AoN's FN Coordinator was unable to participate in the meeting of Aug 23rd and request more notice of meetings in the future and would also like to be notified when the Cultural Awareness training contract is awarded. A contact for an Elders' committee was provided by Big Island.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
8/30/2022	3943	E-mail	New Gold emailed the Chief to set up a meeting to introduce both Community Coordinators.	A meeting was set up in early September.	Lac La Croix First Nation	Aboriginal
8/31/2022	3944	Community Event	New Gold participated in the Overdose Awareness Walk in Couchiching.	The event was held to stand together against the opioid crisis in Northern Ontario.	Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal

9/1/2022	3946	Meeting	New Gold met with Advisory Services to discuss activities they have planned and how the coordinators would split the communities.	NG advised that their primary focus is recruitment and would be delivering a resume and cover letter writing workshop. Community information sessions and tours would be planned and NG would also like to have Elders' meetings to discuss reclamation and provide an opportunity for cultural teachings. Advisory Services suggested scheduling a tour for leadership to view the roundhouse and mine site. The staffing update provided was appreciated.	Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services	Aboriginal
9/1/2022	3945	Meeting	New Gold and Naotkamegwanning had agreed to meet to hold a Leadership meeting between the GM and Band Manager.	Naotkamegwanning had to cancel; the meeting will be scheduled at a later date.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
9/6/2022	3947	E-mail	New Gold emailed the Weekly Incident Report of Aug 22-28, 2022.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning	Public and Aboriginal

					First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
9/7/2022	3915	Other	New Gold approved support for donations and/or sponsorship to the Fun in the Sun Committee (Fort Frances), Tour de Fort Canadian Concert Series, Rainy River 4-H Steer Auction, Riverside Foundation for Healthcare Fall Gala, and Whitefish Bay Fall Bass Classic.		Tour de Fort, Riverside Foundation for Health Care, Town of Fort Frances, Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
9/7/2022	3986	Meeting	New Gold held their quarterly meeting with Big Island at the NG Emo office.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
9/8/2022	3948	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	New Gold went to the community and met with the OW worker.	NG advised that they would be providing workshops on resume building and cover letters; and would like to be invited to community events. The community provided their staff directory.	Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation	Aboriginal

9/9/2022	3949	E-mail	New Gold emailed the current employment opportunities to contacts in the local area.		Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
9/12/2022	3951	E-mail	New Gold emailed the Weekly Incident Reports of Aug 29 - Sept 4 and Sept 5 - 11, 2022.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
9/12/2022	3950	E-mail	New Gold was unable to make the originally scheduled meeting and emailed to arrange a new date at the		Lac La Croix First Nation	Aboriginal

			Chief's convenience.			
9/14/2022	3953	E-mail	The Weekly Spill Report was distributed by the Environmental department (Aug 22-28, 2022).	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
9/14/2022	3955	E-mail	New Gold's Community Coordinator sent all employees to attend the Truth and Reconciliation Event being held in Couchiching on Sept 30, 2022. All employees were asked to wear their orange shirts on Sept 30th to show support for survivors and their families who struggle with the aftereffects of residential schools and the Sixties scoop.	Employees were also advised how to use the tobacco offering station set up at the mine site.		Aboriginal
9/14/2022	3952	Meeting	NG met with an Elder to offer tobacco and see if he would perform Fall Ceremony. The Elder agreed and asked for the name of the roundhouse to be	NWB advised that they now have an Elder council and are working towards having a Youth council. Best contacts for	Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal

			provided. The name was provided as requested. NG also introduced themselves to NWB's HR person and explained their roles and that they would like to facilitate a resume and cover letter writing workshop as well as volunteer with community events or teachings.	NWB were also provided to NG.		
9/14/2022	3954	E-mail	The Weekly Spill Report was distributed by the Environmental department (Aug 29 - Sept 4, 2022).	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
9/19/2022	3956	E-mail	New Gold emailed the Weekly Incident Report of Sept 12 - 18, 2022.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of	Public and Aboriginal

					Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
9/20/2022	3960	E-mail	New Gold emailed the notification of a new appointment to the JIC committee.		Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal
9/20/2022	3958	E-mail	New Gold emailed the notification of a new appointment to the JIC committee.		Naotkamegwaning First Nation	Aboriginal
9/20/2022	3957	E-mail	New Gold emailed communities to coordinate engagement sessions with a consultant as a follow up to previous work related to Indigenous Procurement.	The consultant plans to be in communities Oct 17-20, 2022 to provide an update on their report (emailed as an attachment). If the dates did not work, the consultant would return.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
9/20/2022	3959	E-mail	New Gold emailed the notification of a new appointment to the JIC committee.		Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
9/20/2022	3964	E-mail	New Gold emailed the notification of a new appointment to the JIC committee.		Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
9/21/2022	3988	Meeting	The monthly meeting was cancelled as the parties were unable to meet as scheduled; NFN needs to nominate a new JIC member to replace		Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal

			their former JIC member.			
9/21/2022	3963	E-mail	New Gold emailed a performance evaluation for BGFN's environmental monitor.	BGFN had requested that NG provide an evaluation of their employee's work at the mine site.	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
9/21/2022	3962	E-mail	New Gold emailed the notification of a new appointment to the JIC committee.		Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
9/21/2022	3961	E-mail	New Gold emailed communities to advise them NG was ready to present a Resume and Cover Letter Workshop. New Gold asked communities to call or email to book a session in their community.	Once booked, NG will send out a poster with the date, time and location.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
9/22/2022	3965	E-mail	New Gold emailed an invitation for Fall Ceremony on October 12, 2022, along with a poster to share with community members and an outline of roundhouse protocols to be observed.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
9/22/2022	3989	Meeting	New Gold held their quarterly	Confidential meeting	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal

			meeting with MNO via teleconference.	minutes were taken.		
9/23/2022	3966	Community Event	New Gold attended the West End New Gold Rainy River Youth Grant Award Presentation, held at the Town of Rainy River Municipal Office.		Town of Rainy River	Public
9/26/2022	3967	E-mail	New Gold emailed Indigenous leadership a monthly report for August 2022 that summarizes employment and business aspects.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
9/26/2022	3969	E-mail	RRFN requested a mine tour of the open pit for funders on October 5, 2022.	NG was unable to accommodate due to the short notice of the request and suggested that RRFN connect with their contract partners at site to facilitate the tour.	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
9/26/2022	3968	E-mail	New Gold emailed the Weekly Incident Report of Sept 19 - 25, 2022.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa	Public and Aboriginal

					Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
9/27/2022	3971	Meeting	New Gold met with the township to see if they would have any use for some items that NG was recycling, as part of the joint recycling program.	Chapple agreed they could use 2 of the items and would arrange pickup.	Township of Chapple	Public
9/27/2022	3970	E-mail	New Gold emailed an invitation for Fall Ceremony on October 12, 2022, along with a poster to share with community members and an outline of roundhouse protocols to be observed.	NG requested the invitation be share with council members and Elders.	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
9/28/2022	3972	Community Event	New Gold went to the community to put on a resume and cover letter workshop; the workshop had not been advertised yet, however, New Gold participated in the Every Child Matters walk that was taking place that day.		Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
9/29/2022	3974	Community Event	New Gold's GM presented an award at the FFCC Business awards.	Other NG members of senior leadership attended as well.	Fort Frances Chamber of Commerce	Public and Aboriginal

9/30/2022	3975	Community Event	New Gold participated and provided sponsorship in the activities hosted in Couchiching for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.		Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal
10/3/2022	4081	External Feedback	A site neighbour called to complain of a sulphur type of smell coming from the TMA and asked the issue be addressed.	Enviro and a metallurgist investigated and determined that BCR1 was creating elemental sulphur which resulted in the smell. Glycerol addition was decreased to reduce the smell. The neighbour was advised of the findings. No further action required.	Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public
10/3/2022	3976	E-mail	New Gold emailed the Weekly Incident Report of Sept 26 - Oct 2, 2022.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wazhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjugamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal

10/4/2022	3978	E-mail	New Gold invited all JIC and EMB members to a virtual Lunch and Learn.	The focus of the presentation will be on Air, Noise and Vibration Monitoring. Invitees were asked to share the invitation with anyone that might be interested.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
10/5/2022	3979	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	New Gold travelled to communities to meet with their OW workers; however, they were unavailable.	New Gold did meet with AWZFN's EcDev Officer who provided a tour of the new band office. New Gold spoke about the resume and cover letter workshop; AWZFN hopes that they and NWA33 can join the workshop when held at WFB.	Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
10/5/2022	3980	E-mail	New Gold shared current job postings as of October 5, 2022, along with job descriptions for some of the positions.		Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Pwi-Di-	Public and Aboriginal

					Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
10/6/2022	3991	E-mail	New Gold shared the finalized arrangements for a site tour as requested by Big Island.	Big Island would provide confirmation of the number of attendees prior to the tour date of October 14th.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
10/11/2022	3994	E-mail	The Weekly Spill Report was distributed by the Environmental department for 3 weeks: Sept 5-11, Sept 12-18 and Sept 19-25, 2022.	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
10/11/2022	3993	E-mail	New Gold emailed Indigenous leadership a monthly report for September 2022 that summarized employment and business aspects.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La	Aboriginal

					Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
10/12/2022	3995	Ceremony	New Gold held a Fall Ceremony at the Roundhouse, attended by various First Nations and Metis members. The ceremony was officiated by and Elder from Couchiching.	There were 32 participants.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
10/13/2022	3996	Workshop	New Gold held two resume and cover letter workshops in Couchiching.	There were a total of 18 participants.	Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal
10/14/2022	3998	Site Visit	Big Island advised that they would need to cancel the site tour as planned.	The site tour will be rescheduled; possibly not until spring.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
10/14/2022	3999	E-mail	New Gold emailed an invitation to EMB members for the next quarterly meeting.	The minutes from the previously held meeting were attached.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
10/14/2022	4001	Ceremony	New Gold met with MNO in Kenora and were able to observe their raising the flag in town hall ceremony.		Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
10/14/2022	3997	E-mail	New Gold emailed an invitation to EMB members for the next quarterly meeting.	The minutes from the previously held meeting were attached.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
10/14/2022	4000	Meeting	New Gold met with a rep from Grand Council	A meeting was set up for	Grand Council Treaty #3	Aboriginal

			Treaty #3 in Kenora to discuss setting up a meeting with Enviro regarding fish compensation.	October 20, 2022.		
10/17/2022	4002	Meeting	New Gold attended the Chiefs Advisory meeting with a consultant.	The meeting was held to introduce the contractor to the Chiefs; a discussion was held and contact information shared. Future meetings would be arranged between the contractor and Chiefs for further discussions on how to complete the scorecards, where the communities will rate New Gold to help identify gaps in communication.	Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
10/17/2022	4082	External Feedback	A site neighbour called to advise of a culvert draining onto his property and believed the water was coming from the TMA.	New Gold gathered more information to clarify the location and began investigating the property drainage but will not be completed until the thaw in 2023.	Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public
10/18/2022	4003	E-mail	New Gold emailed the EMB member to plan a call to discuss scheduling a Community	AWZFN asked to schedule it with a career fair they had scheduled but Enviro was	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal

			Information Session.	able to accommodate the date. NG requested AWZFN provide alternate dates/times for a call to discuss requested topics and scheduling.		
10/18/2022	4008	Meeting	New Gold hosted a virtual Enviro Lunch & Learn; the topic was Air, Noise and Vibration Monitoring.	The presenter answered questions relating to the monitoring. The presentation was emailed prior to the meeting for those who unable to access the video.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation	Aboriginal
10/18/2022	4007	Meeting	New Gold and their consultant traveled to the community and met with Chief and Council and the NG Liaison.	The meeting was held to introduce the contractor to Chief and council members; a discussion was held and contact information shared. Future meetings would be arranged between the contractor and Chiefs for further discussions on how to complete the scorecards, where the communities will rate New	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal

				Gold to help identify gaps in communication .		
10/18/2022	4006	E-mail	The Weekly Spill Report was distributed by the Environmental department for 3 weeks: Sept 26 - Oct 2, 2022, Oct 3 - 9, 2022 and Oct 10 - 16, 2022.	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
10/18/2022	4083	External Feedback	A local resident advised that on the evening of October 17th he was forced off the road due to careless driving by a NG employee. The resident followed the vehicle to the mine and reported to site security and the OPP.	The complaint was shared with the Superintendent of Health & Safety; the OPP is aware of speeding issues on the highway and Korpi Road. Notices have been sent to employees as a reminder of road safety. NG has no authority relating to the driving of personal	Local Resident (>10km of project footprint)	Public

				vehicles off-site.		
10/18/2022	4005	E-mail	New Gold resent a document relating to an external evaluation to the community's FN Coordinator.		Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
10/18/2022	4004	E-mail	New Gold emailed the EMB member to plan a call to discuss scheduling a Community Information Session.	NG has not yet received a response and will follow up at a later date.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
10/19/2022	4009	Meeting	New Gold and their consultant traveled to the community and met with FN Coordinator. The consultant and FN Coordinator	The meeting was held to introduce the contractor to Chief and council members; a discussion was held and contact information shared. Future meetings would be arranged between the contractor and Chiefs for further discussions on how to complete the scorecards, where the communities will rate New Gold to help identify gaps in communication . The contractor also went over	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal

				some ideas with AON for an engagement plan.		
10/19/2022	4010	Meeting	The monthly meeting was cancelled as the parties were unable to meet as scheduled; NFN needs to nominate a new JIC member to replace their former JIC member.		Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
10/20/2022	4013	Meeting	New Gold community department connected Grand Council Treaty 3 rep with Environment Team member re: fish compensation.	Enviro Team will engage directly with GCT3 rep regarding potential fish compensation projects moving forward.	Grand Council Treaty #3, Naotkamegwaning First Nation	Aboriginal
10/20/2022	4011	Meeting	New Gold and their consultant met with the Chief & Council at the Emo Inn.	The meeting was held to introduce the contractor to Chief and council members; a discussion was held and contact information shared. Future meetings would be arranged between the contractor and Chiefs for further discussions on	Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal

				how to complete the scorecards, where the communities will rate New Gold to help identify gaps in communication .		
10/20/2022	4012	Ceremony	New Gold participated in Niibi Water Ceremony & Teachings; invited by Grand Council Treaty 3 and held at Couchiching.	Elder was glad were we able to attend. Ceremony was also recorded for a new APTN series to air next year.	Grand Council Treaty #3, Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal
10/21/2022	4014	Site Visit	New Gold held a site tour for project neighbours and held a lunch at the accommodation camp.	Topics discussed with the neighbours: Future open house/mine update provided. Photos taken would be shared with neighbours.	Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public
10/21/2022	4015	E-mail	New Gold emailed the Weekly Incident Reports of Oct 3-9 and Oct 10-16, 2022.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal

10/24/2022	4016	Phone Call	New Gold received a request from the Fort Frances High School business class for a mine tour.	The class was advised that a tour could be arranged in the spring, but in the interim, offered a presentation to class and HR participation to discuss careers in mining. The teacher will advise NG if they are interested in a spring tour with potential dates and also advised if they are interested in a presentation.	Fort Frances High School	Public
10/25/2022	4018	E-mail	The Weekly Spill Report was distributed by the Environmental department for October 17 - 23, 2022.	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
10/25/2022	4017	Community Event	New Gold held a resume and cover letter workshop and participated in a career fair. The workshop was held in Whitefish Bay and AWZFN	Two communities participated; there were 5 participants. The Whitefish Bay OW	Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal

			members were also invited.	worker noted that transportation is a barrier for community members though it is possible driver training may be delivered in partnership with Seven Gens.		
10/25/2022	4019	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	Local Resident dropped by Emo Office to share housing rental information to share with employees.	The information sent to Supply Chain Logistics Coordinator to communicate the information further.	Local Resident (>10km of project footprint)	Public
10/26/2022	4021	E-mail	New Gold emailed the Weekly Incident Report of Oct 17-23, 2022.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
10/28/2022	4022	E-mail	New Gold emailed local Indigenous leadership to let them know that the General Manager at the Rainy River mine passed away.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo	Aboriginal

					Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
10/31/2022	4023	E-mail	New Gold emailed the Weekly Incident Report of Oct 24-30, 2022.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
11/1/2022	4028	External Feedback	Request received from a Hunter to hunt on New Gold leased lands and authorization to park on New Gold property to hunt North of the mine site.	New Gold emailed the hunter to advise their request for access was denied to New Gold property for hunting or parking as the specific lands were located too close to the mine site. Hunter believed lands were Crown and access should be allowed. Additional information	Individual - GP	Public

				was provided to the hunter as the Enviro department contacted the local Conservation Office to confirm NG held the rights to refuse access.		
11/1/2022	4027	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	New Gold went to the community to drop off job postings, collect Elder information, collect local artist information, and discuss barriers to employment.	New Gold was able to provide the job postings to the OW secretary. New Gold agreed to return next week to discuss other areas as there had been a death in community.	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
11/1/2022	4026	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	New Gold went to the community to drop off job postings, speak about barriers to employment, get community Elders names, and build list of local artists to add to the Business Registry.	From discussions with some community members, NG was advised that some barriers to employment included: accessibility to programs and services; too easy to get welfare; transportation; long shifts; criminal check and Grade 12 requirement. New Gold arranged to meet with AON's FN Coordinator on Nov 3rd. New Gold would	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal

				continue to come to the community on a regular basis, on the first and third Tuesday of each month where possible. Some suggestions for NG's round house were also provided.		
11/1/2022	4024	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	New Gold went to the community to drop off current job postings and also checked in with Elders.	A community member asked about availability of camp and expressed concerns of racism.	Seine River First Nation	Aboriginal
11/1/2022	4025	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	New Gold went to the community to drop off Job postings, talk about women's group, youth council and Indigenous artists in the community.	No follow up required; regular visits are being made to the community.	Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal
11/2/2022	4030	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	New Gold went to the community to drop off job postings, discuss barriers to employment, create list of local artists, and create an Elders list.	New Gold provided a poster that provided information on upcoming visits (first and third Wednesday of each month). Some barriers to employment that were brought up: transportation; welfare is too easy to access; Windego Island is isolated and a	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal

				boat or vehicle (ice roads in winter) is required.		
11/2/2022	4029	E-mail	New Gold emailed the Emo Chamber of Commerce regarding the upcoming Emo Holly Daze Parade and offered assistance with Holly Daze events.	New Gold also provided the link to the Community Investment Program on-line application for future applications for sponsorship of fireworks.	Emo Chamber of Commerce	Public
11/2/2022	4031	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	New Gold went to the community to drop off job postings, discuss barriers to employment, create list of local artists, create an Elders list and discuss a previous visit with a New Gold consultant.	Information on local crafters, caterers, sign making and drummers was provided; regular visits are being made to the community (first and third Wednesdays of each month).	Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
11/3/2022	4032	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	The JIC member dropped in at the Emo office to pick up the 2021 Project Payback report and requested a copy of the Anti-Racism Policy.	Both documents were provided; the JIC member will share the information with Chief and Council.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
11/3/2022	4033	Meeting	Follow-up virtual meeting with Science North to update to close off project of previous programming brought to local schools and communities.	Science North to provide Science program to JW Walker and Riverview School early December; a final report to follow upon	Science North	Public

				completion of program.		
11/3/2022	4035	Meeting	<p>New Gold held a joint Advisory Committee and Enviro sub-committee meeting. Environmental matters discussed included:</p> <p>Received Permits: Amendment for Industrial Sewage Works ECA, Amendment for ECA (Air), PTTW renewal for the stock pond and associated diversions</p> <p>Update on permit applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- Closure Plan Amendment - still waiting for ENDM approval; this permit is pending and in review stage (revision is updates to listed infrastructure and smaller pit shell). <p>Permits that may be applied for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> --NG is still working on amending the Offset Compensation Plan; NG did not go down repairing the stockpile pond dam; the dam is functional but does not meet the habitat hectarage requirements as committed to in the original permit; currently working 	<p>Spill reporting continues to be received; there were no questions regarding any of the reporting. NG continues to discharge as much clean water as able (4.5 million cubic metres) while adhering to the current permit with no water quality issues.</p> <p>Seine River, Lac La Croix and Mitaanjigamiing did not participate in the meeting.</p>	<p>Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation</p>	<p>Aboriginal</p>

			with DFO and Env Canada at reformulating existing plans regarding built fish habitat; NG has reached out to GCT#3 fisheries department to find out if there are existing project work that needs completing			
11/4/2022	4037	E-mail	New Gold shared current job opportunities as of November 4, 2022, along with job descriptions for some of the positions.		Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Shooneyaa Wa-Biitong, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
11/4/2022	4036	Hand Delivery	New Gold delivered the 2021 Annual Report on Project payback to a JIC member.	The report was hand-delivered to the community.	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
11/5/2022	4038	Community Event	New Gold attended the local Lion's Club Hunter's dinner in Stratton and also provided support.			Public

11/7/2022	4040	E-mail	New Gold emailed the Weekly Incident Report of Oct 31 - Nov 6, 2022.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
11/7/2022	4039	Workshop	New Gold hosted a "Learn How to Bead" workshop for employees.	A local craftswoman taught the workshop; there were 10 participants. Poppies were beaded for upcoming Remembrance Day.	Rainy River First Nations	Public and Aboriginal
11/8/2022	4041	Meeting	New Gold held their quarterly JIC meeting with Naotkamegwaning. A tour of the mine site was given after the meeting.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Naotkamegwaning First Nation	Aboriginal
11/8/2022	4085	External Feedback	A hunter contacted the Emo office to clarify the location of NG lands as he was found by security to be camping on NG land.	NG verified that the area the hunter was camping was on NG leased lands and the individual was informed that they cannot hunt, park or camp on these lands.	Local Resident (>10km of project footprint)	Public

11/8/2022	4084	Meeting	<p>New Gold hosted a teleconference EMB meeting. The following topics were discussed: Permit updates: - Air/Noise ECA Amendment to align Air/Noise ECA daily maximum throughput for the mill with the Industrial Sewage ECA for daily maximum throughput: Still under review/approval process. Correspondence continues between MECP and consultants. Sent to EMB members on August 22, 2022. - Closure Plan Update - An update is needed to include the new truck shop, warehouse, etc. into the Closure Plan (CP). The pit shell is smaller, smaller stockpile therefore less infrastructure. The last update was in 2019 however the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources, and Forestry (NDMNR) is requesting that a full update occur in order to have a complete package of all documents</p>	<p>The meeting minutes of the EMB meeting were distributed December 21, 2022.</p>	<p>Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation</p>	<p>Aboriginal</p>
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		<p>related to the CP: Currently under review. Additional permits: - Offset Compensation Plan - this plan is required by DFO and ECCC and must be followed. The plans were reworked as originally it would take 9 species in the system to deem it as operating as a functional system. Historically, there have only been 6 species; the plan now reflects the initial 6 species. NG has met the success criteria, however the Pinewood River needs to be assessed before considered complete. The West Creek Diversion and West Creek Pond are in its' fifth year of monitoring and results show that they have been working as intended. Clark Creek Diversion and Pond are short on a couple of species but will ensure it meets baseline numbers. Stockpile will not have a liner installed now as there is no guarantee of the sustainability of the liner and NG</p>			
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			<p>does not want to interfere with the works of the pond by having to check the liner annually. The upstream meets the original compensation habitat and is functioning as intended this year. Currently looking at building compensation elsewhere; general plan must be submitted to ECCC this month. General updates: -Future amendments will address keeping clean water clean with main focus on permitting around the upper fresh water diversion system. The majority of regulatory bodies will be involved. There will be much permitting around moving the ESA boundaries. -The TMA Stage 5 dam raise of 2m will be in 2023. Concerns: 1-in-100-year flood events are becoming much more frequent; NG – A consultant has been hired to identify gaps on water data and NG will upgrade accordingly.</p>			
11/9/2022	4042	Community Meeting	New Gold attended the Emo Chamber of Commerce	New Gold will enter a float in the parade, have	Township of Emo, Emo Chamber of Commerce	Public

			Meeting regarding the upcoming Holly Daze Event/Parade Dec 2-3.	sponsored the fireworks and will provide two people as security during the fireworks.		
11/10/2022	4043	E-mail	St. Joseph School requested a Virtual Presentation by New Gold to the Grade 7/8 classes with a focus on Mining & Career Paths.	New Gold followed up with the requestor.	St. Josephs School (Dryden)	Public
11/11/2022	4044	Community Event	New Gold sponsored transportation for the 908 Rainy Lake Royal Canadian Air Cadets to attend Remembrance Day services in Emo, Devlin, Barwick, Stratton, Rainy River and Rainy River First Nations.		Township of LaVallee, Town of Stratton, Township of Emo, Township of Chapple, Town of Rainy River, Rainy River First Nations, 908 Rainy Lake Royal Canadian Air Cadets	Public and Aboriginal
11/11/2022	4045	Community Event	New Gold attended Remembrance Day services throughout the district in Emo, Devlin, Barwick, Stratton, Rainy River, Couchiching First Nation and Rainy River First Nations.	New Gold laid wreaths where possible.	Township of LaVallee, Town of Stratton, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Emo, Township of Chapple, Town of Rainy River, Rainy River First Nations	Public and Aboriginal
11/14/2022	4046	Community Event	New Gold Community and HR departments participated in a Health Fair hosted by AWZFN.	There were 32 people in attendance; at least 5 were interested in working for New Gold.	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal

11/14/2022	4047	E-mail	New Gold emailed the Weekly Incident Report of Nov 7 - 13, 2022.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
11/15/2022	4049	Meeting	New Gold held their quarterly JIC meeting with AWZFN. A tour of the mine site was given after the meeting.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal
11/15/2022	4048	Workshop	New Gold held a resume and cover letter workshop.	Two community members participated and were interested in beginning a career with New Gold.	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
11/16/2022	4051	E-mail	New Gold emailed Indigenous leadership a monthly report for October 2022 that summarized employment and business aspects.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of	Aboriginal

					Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
11/16/2022	4050	Community Meeting	New Gold introduced Naicatchewenin Chief and Council to New Gold's COO.	The donation for the hyperbaric/oxygen therapy and wound care centre was finalized.	Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
11/16/2022	4052	Meeting	New Gold held their monthly JIC meeting with NFN. The new GM was introduced to NFN's new JIC member.	RRFN did not participate. Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
11/17/2022	4054	E-mail	New Gold emailed an announcement of the promotion of the mine manager to the position of General Manager.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
11/21/2022	4055	E-mail	New Gold emailed the Chief to try and set up an in person meeting with the intent to provide project updates and introduce NG's Indigenous Community Coordinator.	No response was received.	Buffalo Point First Nation	Aboriginal

11/21/2022	4056	E-mail	New Gold emailed the Weekly Incident Report of Nov 14 - 20, 2022.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
11/22/2022	4057	E-mail	New Gold mailed an invite to site neighbours and Indigenous leadership for an Open House that would be hosted at the Emo Office during Holly Daze.	A newspaper ad with a general invitation was also completed for the local paper.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint), Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
11/22/2022	4058	E-mail	Robert Moore School requested a presentation by New Gold to Grade 4 students with a focus on rocks and minerals.	New Gold will follow up with the school in the New Year to arrange a presentation.	Robert Moore School	Public

11/24/2022	4060	Ceremony	New Gold was invited to and attended the RRFN new Chief & Council swearing in ceremony.	The NG GM was introduced to the Chief & Council. NG was invited to visit the community again for a coffee meeting in the future.	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
11/25/2022	4062	Meeting	New Gold met with Big Island for a Leadership meeting between the GM and Band Manager.	A number of confidential topics were discussed.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
11/25/2022	4061	E-mail	Rainy River High School submitted a request for a presentation to discuss career opportunities & funding for tools, material for students.	New Gold advised they will follow up in the New Year regarding a presentation and the funding/materials request.	Rainy River High School	Public
11/28/2022	4064	E-mail	New Gold emailed the Weekly Incident Report of Nov 21 - 27, 2022.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
11/28/2022	4063	E-mail	The Weekly Spill Report was distributed by the Environmental department for October 24 - 30, 2022.	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning	Public and Aboriginal

					First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
12/1/2022	4086	External Feedback	An employee advised the Community department of a safety concern of a site neighbour who drives a school bus. The neighbour advised that there have been multiple occasions where mine traffic has not been stopping when the school bus's flashing lights are on. The Health & Safety Superintendent was advised of the concern and contacted the neighbour.	A site wide bulletin was issued by the Health & Safety department to all employees of neighbour concerns and that OPP would be monitoring traffic. The neighbour was asked to advise the Community department if there are any other concerns or incidents to report.	Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public
12/1/2022	4087	Other	New Gold approved support for donations and/or sponsorship to the West Rainy River Lions Club Hunter's Dinner, Fort Frances High School Muskie Girls Hockey, Fort Frances High School Muskie Boys Hockey, Emo Knox United Church Christmas		Emo Knox United Church, Fort Frances High School, Nestor Falls Recreation Committee	Public and Aboriginal

			Dinners, Nestor Falls Recreation Committee Winter Carnival, and Community Safety Net “Smart Choices for LIFE”.			
12/2/2022	4065	Community Event	New Gold participated in the Emo Holly Daze Parade on Dec 2. New Gold entered a float and provided security for fireworks after the parade. Event organized by the Emo Chamber of Commerce.		Township of Emo, Emo Chamber of Commerce	Public
12/2/2022	4066	Open House	New Gold held an Open House at the Emo office during Emo's Holly Daze. Site neighbours, Indigenous leadership and the general public were invited to attend.	Attendees were asked to provide input on topics they would like more information on in NG communications. The top 2 topics were water/water stewardship and health & safety. There were approximately 20 attendees.	Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint), General Public	Public and Aboriginal
12/5/2022	4068	Other	New Gold Community Investment Committee approved a partnership with West Rainy River District, Morley Township & A.C.E.L. Fire & Emergency Services to bring fire safety resources and education to		Township of Morley	Public

			schools in the area.			
12/5/2022	4067	E-mail	New Gold emailed Indigenous leadership an application for scholarships for women in mining.	The applications are limited to those who can confirm enrolment in a post-secondary institution.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Métis Nation of Ontario,Big Grassy First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation,Naotkamegwaning First Nation,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Seine River First Nation,Buffalo Point First Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Couchiching First Nation,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Rainy River First Nations,Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
12/6/2022	4069	E-mail	New Gold emailed the Weekly Incident Report of Nov 28 - Dec 04, 2022.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Métis Nation of Ontario,Big Grassy First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation,Naotkamegwaning First Nation,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Seine River First Nation,Buffalo Point First Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Couchiching First Nation,Township of Chapple,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Rainy River First Nations,Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
12/6/2022	4070	E-mail	New Gold emailed out a poster of the Community Team which includes contact information and outlines each member's role.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Métis Nation of Ontario,Big Grassy First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation,Naotkamegwaning First Nation,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Seine	Aboriginal

					River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
12/7/2022	4072	Meeting	New Gold traveled to the community to meet with the Band manager for a Leadership meeting.	New Gold was also able to meet with the Chief while there. Confidential minutes were taken.	Naotkamegwaning First Nation	Aboriginal
12/7/2022	4071	E-mail	New Gold emailed the notification of a new appointment to the JIC committee.		Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
12/9/2022	4088	Community Event	New Gold sponsored Science North programming in the school.	The programming included a science show and activity stations to help gain an understanding of mining.	Science North, JW Walker School	Public and Aboriginal
12/13/2022	4074	Meeting	New Gold held their quarterly JIC meeting with MNO via teleconference.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
12/15/2022	4076	E-mail	New Gold distributed PNP packages summarizing upcoming RFPs that may be issued over the next year.		Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First	Aboriginal

					Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
12/15/2022	4078	Meeting	New Gold held their quarterly JIC meeting with Big Grassy; the meeting was held via Microsoft Teams due to poor road conditions.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
12/16/2022	4089	E-mail	New Gold emailed Indigenous leadership a monthly report for November 2022 that summarized employment and business aspects.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimi nikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
12/16/2022	4090	Meeting	New Gold held their regular JIC meeting with Naicatchewenin via teleconference.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
12/20/2022	4091	E-mail	A recipient of the PNP distribution of Dec 15th new to the process asked when a specific RFP was expected to be issued.	New Gold advised the timing and provided an overview of the process.	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
12/21/2022	4079	Meeting	New Gold was invited to the community to introduce the new President & CEO		Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal

			to the new Chief & Council.			
12/21/2022	4093	E-mail	New Gold distributed the completed meeting minutes from the EMB meeting held on November 8, 2022.	Questions were invited; none received at this time.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
12/21/2022	4092	E-mail	MNO returned a completed and signed Confidentiality Undertaking for the EMB as required by their Agreement.	New Gold thanked MNO for the completed document.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
12/22/2022	4094	E-mail	The Weekly Spill Report was distributed by the Environmental department for the weeks of Oct 30 - Nov 6, Nov 7 - 13, Nov 14 - 20, Nov 21 - 27, Nov 28 - Dec 4 & Dec 5 - 11, and Dec 12 - 18, 2022	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsimikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal

SECTION 8

NEW GOLD RAINY RIVER MINE

CONCLUSION



Figure 26. Pair of bears spotted near the West Creek Diversion, July 5, 2022

Conclusion

This Environmental Compliance Report was prepared by New Gold Inc. Rainy River Mine. The quality of information and conclusions are based on:

- i) Information available at the time of preparation, and
- ii) The assumptions, conditions and qualifications set forth in this document.

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